

Caspar Community Center
Friday, November 7, 2014

1. Call to Order 9:30

Present: Bob Frey, Marty Johnson, Annie Lee, Ed Murrell, Paul Reiber, Glenn Rude, Paul Schulman
Staff: Dalen Anderson
Guest: Judy Tarbell

2. Minutes of October 24, 2014 were accepted.

3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

Add: Mike Dell'ara's proposal for driveway

4. Correspondence - none

5. Amazon Smile

Judy raised concerns that participating in Amazon Smile (0.5%) undermines the local economy. Paul R. suggested presenting both sides of the issue in the next newsletter and ask for input. Judy will ask Jim Tarbell to write the article; Annie will send him the information about Goodsearch.

6. Reports

A. Executive Director

- The solar power system is close to \$5,000 over budget. The charging station will have to wait until next year.
- The meeting to discuss the use of Tarbell Funds for the next two years raised the possibility of developing our own water system. Rochelle sent a letter to the Board reflecting concern about the possible effect on local wells. Ed requested that the issue be tabled so that Rochelle could be present for the discussion.
- The last wedding is tomorrow; there will be a benefit for Fukushima Kids on November 21.
- James Ransom will be refinishing the north room floors on November 24. The room will be closed until December 6.
- Dalen is continuing to look for an assistant and suggested that Board members encourage interested people to volunteer. Sam will continue to help Jason. Dalen will ask Sarah for to keep an eye out for potential applicants.

B. Finance

The Tarbell Funds will be placed in a separate category. We are doing well.

C. Pub Night /Breakfast – still need servers and dishwashers for Friday.

D. Garden

The next meeting will take place Nov. 13 at 2:00 pm.

E. Facilities

- We received a letter from PG&E giving us permission to operate but not mentioning their purchase of our power. Bob will talk with Bruce

- Lighting in the Green and north rooms needs enhancing. Paul S. will meet with NCRE to investigate options. Dalen suggested clear estimates with written change orders.
- Dalen suggested the Facilities Committee make a list with recommendations for a back-up propane tank.
- The icemaker will be moved next to the prep sink.

F. Fundraising/Events

End-of-Year letter

- There was discussion of the pros and cons of announcing a matching fund.
- Bob felt it is important to have a concrete goal. Dalen does not think our current Cobb oven works well and would like to develop an outdoor kitchen/barbecue area with brick flooring, etc. which she feels would enhance our rentability and enable us to have more community-oriented events such as Bread Sunday.
- Annie asked about Disaster Prep; Bob suggested the \$11,000 in Fire Safe Funds might be used. Annie will consult with Fire Safe Council members.
- Judy will see if Tarbell Funds can be used to pay down the mortgage.
- Paul R. said we can build up a fund to deal with larger issues, such as land and water. We need to know what the community is going to value. Marty felt the letter was an opportunity to solicit input about how we envision the next step and get people involved.
- Marty and Paul R. will work on the letter.

Silent Auction and Harvest Dinner

- We have 60/100 reservations. Dalen will send out a blurb Board members can use to invite more people.
- Prep will be Saturday and Sunday; Paul R. will bartend.
- Judy suggested having a larger crew for the entrance. Annie, Meredith, Marty, and perhaps Rochelle.

G. Driveway

Mike Dell'ara has offered to pay half of the \$1,000 Gary Swanson will charge to fill the potholes. Paul R. MOVED we accept Mike's offer and ask him to oversee the project. Annie SECONDED. The motion PASSED unanimously.

Ed asked whether the Board in fact operates on consensus. The response was that according to the By-laws, decisions are determined by majority vote, but in practice we try to operate by consensus. Paul R. commented that we should make every effort to be aware of and sensitive to dissenting opinions.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Lee

Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 13	Garden Committee, 2
Friday, Nov. 14	Pub Night
Sunday, Nov. 16	Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction
Monday, November 17	Meeting with NCRE re: lighting
Friday, Nov. 21	Board Meeting , 9:30
Sunday, Nov. 23	Breakfast
Friday, December 5	Board Meeting , 9:30
Friday, December 12	Pub Night
Friday, December 19	Board Meeting , 9:30
Sunday, December 28	Breakfast
Wednesday, December 31	New Year's Eve