

Caspar Community Center
Friday, February 20, 2015

1. Call to Order 9:35

Present: Rochelle Elkan, Bob Frey, Marty Johnson, Annie Lee, Ed Murrell, Paul Reiber,
Glenn Rude, Paul Schulman

Others: Dalen Anderson, Judy Tarbell. April Cunningham

2. Minutes of January 16, 2015 were amended to say that **Sienna has developed and maintains a Facebook page for the Caspar Community that includes Pub Night information.**

The minutes of February 6 were accepted.

3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda - Neighborhood Meetings and Uke Fest

4. Correspondence - none

5. Reports

A. Executive Director

Upcoming events include a Turning 65 Medicare workshop with Esther Koch.

Dalen reported being thrilled by the addition of Sienna as her administrative assistant.

B. Finance

- Jim and Dalen met to develop a preliminary budget, which includes \$1,000 for a new computer.
- We have to decide how much to put into Capital and Operating Reserves, currently at \$33,124 and \$27,000 respectively. Dalen recommended \$3,000 be put into Capital and \$2,000 into operating. We now have \$122,000 in savings, which includes \$30,000 in Capital Development and \$10,000 for Fire Safe. We have \$2,034 in the USDA reserve and have completed the ten-year requirement for the first mortgage; we could keep \$1,000 in that reserve to cover the second mortgage, transferring the balance into capital reserve.
- Approval of the budget was tabled until the next Board meeting.
- Judy asked about interest on savings. The Finance Committee is supposed to be researching options.
- Our electricity costs are now minimal; there is a small charge to be connected to the grid and charges are “trued up” in September, but PG&E “owes” us. Our generator didn’t even go on during the recent power outage.

C. Pub Night

Heather is cooking in March

There were several children at the last Pub Night; a Kids Corner was suggested and approved.

Breakfast

- We have been getting at least one new pledge at each breakfast.
- Dalen will make nametags for Board.

D. Garden

- Currently, there doesn’t seem to be a problem with the water. Paul S, will check the lines and notify the gardeners before turning off the water.
- The work party on Monday, March 9 from 11-1, will prepare the kitchen beds.

E. Facilities

- During the work party on February 13 the committee replaced the lights in the green room, fixed a wheel on the table cart, straightened a kitchen work table, and fixed a leaking faucet in the women’s bathroom. Ed pruned the Budlia, and Paul, with Glenn’s assistance, crawled under the building to reconnect the drinking fountain.

- Bob will look for a new source of LED lights for the north room.
- The committee will consider a new projection system, ideally permanently mounted in the proscenium, which would cost about \$3,500, and will discuss curtains or blinds for the atrium windows.
- Dan Dixon is willing to be involved in the discussion about the dividers for the south room, possibly sliding translucent doors.

F. Fundraising/Events

The Mamajawali concert did not make money, partly because of the storm; however, it was a successful community event.

Ukefest

The budget, schedule and program are based on last year's program.

Casparfest

Meeting on Friday, February 27 at 1.

7. NCO-sponsored Food Programs

April Cunningham presented information about the USDA grants NCO has received to promote the sales of local specialty crops, create buying clubs, develop a system for connecting inland and coastal farmers, partnering and exploring the development of added-value products. The grants could pay for materials, renting the kitchen, developing classes, running workshops, etc. They are looking for a cold storage space and investigating the possible use of our kitchen. There is also money to pay for a food storage facility. The Board will form a subcommittee including Marty and Dalen to explore the possibilities.

9. Water

- Ed MOVED that we authorize the Caspar Community to sign the MOU of the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Marty SECONDED. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.
- Paul S. will set up a meeting with Michael and Eric Stromberger. Rochelle, Ed and Judy on Monday, February 23 in the afternoon. Paul S. will confirm.

10. Parks

Sienna is working to set up an initial workday, possibly Saturday, March 28 as the first of monthly workdays to remove invasives from the headlands.

10. Newsletter

Articles should be sent to Michael by Tuesday, March 3.

11. Neighborhood Meetings

Sienna will be heading the organizing of the meetings as part of her administrative position. It was suggested that emails could ask people to contact their neighbors.

12. Miscellaneous

Ed suggested that air drying the dishes is more sanitary than towel-drying. We may have to purchase some racks.

Adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Lee

Calendar

Sunday, February 22
Monday, February 23
Friday, February 27

Tuesday, March 3
Friday, March 6

Monday, March 9
Thursday, March 12
Friday, March 13
Friday, March 20
Sunday, March 22
Sunday, March 28

Friday, April 3
Thursday, April 9
Friday, April 10
Friday, April 17
Friday/Saturday, April 17/18
Sunday, April 19
Sunday, April 26

Friday, May 1
Thursday, May 7
Friday, May 8
Sunday, May 10
Friday, May 15

Saturday, July 25

Breakfast
Water Committee, afternoon (TBC)
Casparfest Meeting, 1
Brutapalooza
Deadline for Newsletter
Board Meeting, 9:30
Oak & Thorn Dinner
Garden workday, 11-1
Finance Committee, 11
Pub Night
Board Meeting, 9:30
Breakfast
Invasives Removal Workparty (TBC)

Board Meeting, 9:30
Finance Committee, 11
Pub Night
Board Meeting, 9:30
Uke Fest
Community Meeting
Breakfast

Board Meeting, 9:30
Garden Committee, 2
Pub Night
Mother's Day Tea
Board Meeting, 9:30

Casparfest