

Caspar Community Board Meeting
Caspar Community Center
May 1, 2015

Board Members:

Present: Paul Reiber, Robert Frey, Marty Johnson, Paul Schulman, Glenn Rude, Rochelle Elkan

Absent: Ed Murrell, Annie Lee

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Michael Potts, Judy Tarbell, Executive Director Dalen Anderson, Director's Assistant Sienna M Potts

Proceedings

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Robert Frey
2. Minutes of 04/03/15 meeting: should be *Justin* from Superior Pump
3. Water proposal report and Public Comments were added to agenda
4. No Correspondence
5. Water proposal report by Michael Potts
Prop 84 funds are available & a small planning request to safeguard our local water source is likely to be funded. The application deadline is May 29, 2015. Michael has been working with Susan Kelley, an organizational consultant and development director, to turn out a powerful application. Even if our application is not successful, it's a good start for planning & recognition.

The idea is to flesh out a program without knowing if it will be run by the Caspar Community, by its own board, as a for-profit co-op or as a 501(c)10. We are trying to get funds to hire local experts like Susan Kelley and Amy Wynn. The Community may have to pay as the project goes forward, and be reimbursed by the State once we show that we have done what we proposed. Therefore it is reasonable to include 7-10% in the grant for administration.

Is the Community willing to pay for the application process? We have already promised Susan \$500 and will need to pay her \$500 more to get the application in the mail (Michael notes that this is a friend rate). Michael guesses there's a 20% chance we will get the grant. Then, if we get the grant, we need to do what we say we will do in the application and fund it. Reimbursement is virtually certain.

If we are not ready in time, or if we do not get the grant, we will still have definition and budget for implementation, we will have gathered a group of consultants, and we will know if the water project is workable or not. We will write into the proposal a possible out for us if we decide don't want to take it on. Michael's sense is that our timing is

perfect, it needs to be done, and if we don't do it, somebody will.

Moved (Paul S) and seconded (Paul R): Resolved: the Board will submit a proposal to NCRP for IRWM Project funds; limit cost to \$1000.

Approved Unanimously.

6. Reports

A. Executive Director

We have many events scheduled: a new Dance Medicine class, AA dance, FB Jr Prom, a string camp. Events are stacked right on top of each other. Our own upcoming events are Pub Night and Mothers Day Tea. Currently Jima does our postering (unpaid). We should consider whether we need to poster for our regular events and who will do it when Jima wants to stop. Tigerlily is very good but she costs.

David Alden emailed that Cindy Mangsen would like to do another show here. They want \$500 & the show was not very successful last year. We declined.

Dalen met with Chad Swimmer and April Cunningham of NCO about the specialty crops grant from the USDA. Chad will do a monthly class for 4 months through the grant. Dalen is the go-between on getting produce that fits the guidelines. She is paid through the grant to organize it which means we'll have more money we can spend on local food. Marty might get involved but is daunted by the paperwork. Dalen can do the paperwork and get paid through the grant for it. Dalen and Marty will talk.

B. Finance/Treasurer

We have a new treasurer: Rochelle Elkan. The website and letterhead have been changed.

No finance report. Next meeting needs to be scheduled.

C. Pub Night, Breakfast

Dalen is chef for the next Pub Night. The next Breakfast includes the Flea Market. We'll need to staff up for it. Last year we served 220. There won't be a board member table but there will be a Caspar booth staffed by Paul S, with help, please. On May 21st at 10 am there will be a work party to get ready and on May 23rd there will be Breakfast prep.

D. Caspar Community Garden

Rochelle reports that the garden is going well. The salad for the last Breakfast came out of the garden. There are 3 beds available. Next meeting is May 7th at 2 pm.

E. Facilities

To discuss: sliding doors for South room, hall doors, messy cob oven, charging station. Next meeting needs to be scheduled.

F. Fundraising/Marketing

UkeFest brought in money but it was short on volunteers. We had a good Pub Night and Breakfast. Things look good this month.

It's hard to tell if it's worth doing "other" events (like UkeFest) because volunteers are hard to find. Our regulars are already with us for 2 events each month.

G. Community Meeting

Next meeting should be scheduled to include water proposal results:
October 4, 2015.

H. CasparFest

No Blue Sky Pie. Mixed Nuts are in. Next meeting: May 7th, 11 am.

7. Public Comments procedure

It was decided to put public comments on the agenda before correspondence to give visitors the opportunity to speak about non-agenda items without interrupting the meeting. If anybody has an item to include in the agenda they can email caspar@mcn.org in advance.

We want to invite the public to participate. Sienna will post agenda on the website & mail box boards if received by the Monday before the meeting. She will also include meetings in the emails to our list.

Sienna made the point that the email list should be used with care. An email every two weeks is usual to cover Pub Night, Breakfast and other events in between. If something needs to be included in an email, it should be given to Sienna early in the week of Pub Night or Breakfast. We do a formal newsletter every 2 months or when there's an important event or issue to address.

A change in time for board meetings, back to 9 am, was discussed but no decision was made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Meeting minutes submitted by Director's Assistant Sienna M Potts.