

Caspar Community Board Meeting
Caspar Community Center
February 19, 2016

1. Call to Order 9:35

Present: Rochelle Elkan, Bob Frey, Marty Johnson, Annie Lee, Paul Reiber

Quorum: Yes

Others: Executive Director's Assistant Sienna Potts, Zoe Yudice, Michael Potts

2. Minutes of February 5 were accepted as corrected.

3. Additions or changes to the agenda - None

4. Public Comment - None

5. Correspondence – Renewal of County Disaster Site Form. Annie will review and sign.

6. Reports

A. Executive Director

- Saturday, 3/9– Bernie Square Dance with live music. CC will do the bar.
- The Tibetan Monks of Gaden Shartse will create a mandala in the north room, starting on Tuesday, March 22 and ending on Thursday, March 24 at noon. The Center will be open to the public. Lunch donations appreciated.

B. Finance

A check has been sent to Schwab; Jim Tarbell will fax a correction to our application. Rochelle will work with Dalen to provide online access to the account.

C. Pub Night/Breakfast

Pub Night - Accounting not in yet, but it appears we did well: well attended and delicious food.

Breakfast – Annie will email Disaster Prep committee about tabling.

D. Garden

- The last meeting was very productive.
- The garden is still very wet.
- Rachel now has two beds, Ali one, and the gardeners will maintain one berry bed for the kitchen.
- We have \$550 and will have another \$500 in March when rents are paid. The committee is providing a scholarship for Sakina to attend a soils workshop. The next workday is Sunday, April 3 at 10; the next meeting is Thursday, May 5 at 2.

E. Facilities

Annie asked for a motion-sensor light for the interior of the battery room, which led to discussion of outdoor lighting. The Committee will address this.

F. Fundraising

- Joe Craven concert numbers not in, but it appears we made some money.
- Mendocino Quartet concert April 24. CC will receive a portion of the door and do the bar.

G. Community Development

- Michael has been working with the Tarbells and Devika Goetschius, an expert on CLTs, and asked the Board to approve up to \$2,500 to continue to explore the possibilities. Annie so MOVED, Bob SECONDED; the motion was PASSED unanimously. Funds could come from the Tarbell Community Development grant to the Caspar Community.

- The Caspar Community would serve as the founding sponsor and umbrella organization, and the CLT would have its own board.
- There will be a field trip to Petaluma to visit the CLT on Friday, March 11.

“One exciting, but daunting, aspect of this effort for me is that it is clear to me that a CLT should be more broadly based than just our little village. There's a need for CLT services all along the north coast ... and there's pent-up demand in Fort Bragg and at the County level for some entity to "step up." In fact, by repeating our process of 1998-2002 for acquisition of the Headlands -- including other partners and communities in our effort -- we are more likely to achieve quick results on our own "pilot project," the acquisition of the Caspar water system and the associated workforce housing. This pilot project could easily become somewhat larger if the basis for the CLT is scoped to include the north coast, from, say, Westport to Elk. Our 1998-2002 effort, you may remember, also accomplished state funding for projects from Westport to Navarro Headlands. This kind of inclusive thinking appears to be the best way for "little Caspar" to be able to get its own work done by making common cause with other small communities.” —MP email to the Board.

- Michael and Sienna have been updating the website, especially to be more smart phone-and template-friendly, and take some of the tools, such as the donor management and calendaring system, closer to the center of the site's operations. The Board approved \$500 to start, with the invitation to return to the Board if more funds are needed.

H. Other

- There was discussion about the role of the Board and how to continue the currently successful system when Dalen retires.
- Annie will not be at the March 4 Board meeting. Rochelle will be absent from the second Board meeting in May and the two meetings in June.

Adjourned at 10:40
Respectfully submitted,
Annie Lee

Calendar

Saturday, February 27	Headlands Workday, 10
Sunday, February 28	Fourth Sunday Breakfast, 9
Friday, March 4	Board meeting, 9:30
Friday, March 11	Pub Night, CLT Field Trip
Sunday, March 13	Community Meeting, 4
Friday, March 18	Board meeting, 9:30
Saturday, March 19	Bernie Square Dance
Tuesday, March 22	Tibetan Monks
Thursday, March 24	Mandala closing ceremony, 12
Saturday, March 26	Headlands Workday, 10
Sunday, March 27	Fourth Sunday Breakfast, 9
Sunday, April 3	Garden Workday, 10
Saturday, April 23	Mendocino Quartet Concert
Thursday, May 5	Garden Meeting, 2