

Caspar Community Board Meeting
Caspar Community Center
October 20, 2017

Board Members:

Present: Dalen Anderson, Rochelle Elkan, Robert Frey, Paula Glessner, Annie Lee, Ed Murrell, Paul Reiber, Glenn Rude

Absent: Robert Frey, Paul Schulman

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Office Manager Sienna M Potts, Event Manager Dana Fox, Judy Tarbell, Gowan Batist, Janine Rhymes

Proceedings

1. Meeting was called to order at 9 am by Vice President Glenn Rude.
2. Minutes of 10/6/2017: Approved.
3. Changes to the Agenda: move Disaster Prep up to top of reports.
4. Community comments and input: none.
5. Correspondence: none.
6. Reports

A. Disaster Preparedness

Gowan Batist shared her experience with recent fire evacuees coming to Fortunate Farm for shelter, food and other needs. There was no formal plan, but with the help of many people and Caspar Community disaster supplies, the disaster relief effort went as if it had been planned. Fortunate Farm with help from Caspar Community turned out to be the most prepared shelter on the coast. Hundreds of people were served. Gowan pointed out that in case of disaster on the Coast we would go inland so it is vital to form partnerships and to continue to prepare to meet the needs of our wider community as well as our local one.

Fortunate Farm is permitted as a campground, covered by its own liability insurance as well as coverage through HipCamp. Gowan was strict about site density, kept careful documentation, and thorough accounting. The community was eager to help and needs were met quickly. Caspar Community was able to help with disaster relief without interrupting the daily operation of the Center.

The Caspar Community Board has already approved a motion to cover invoiced expenses. Funds have been contributed by many in the community to cover those costs. Any donated funds left after expenses have been paid will go into Disaster Preparedness liability account.

B. Office Manager, Event Manager

Sienna says we have big weekend with a Pop-up Friday, Disaster Fest Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. The next weekend is quieter and then November is extremely busy.

Dana reports that *What the Health + Vegan Dinner*, a rental which took up quite a bit of Dana's time, was hugely successful. He may

have some more guest chefs out of that, as well as other recent rentals and events.

Dana reports that Wednesday Dance Medicine has been canceled due to problems with the organizer. There is community support for resumption with a different organizer and a clearer understanding of Center procedures and agreements.

Dana expects there to be a very large turnout for Disaster Fest due to publicity Caspar Community has gotten by helping with the shelter at Fortunate Farm for fire evacuees.

C. Finance/Treasurer

Rochelle reports that although we are still down, past years suggest we will be up again soon. Sienna will send out third quarter reports to Board members. The 2018 budget will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting on November 30th at 10 am.

D. Pub Night, Breakfast

November Pub Night will be produced by the Mendocino County Mushroom Club. Pub Night Committee will determine policy on chef fee and ingredient cap, and report back to the Board.

E. Caspar Community Garden

The next Garden meeting will be on November 16th at 2 pm.

F. Facilities

Maintenance is improving and will improve further.

Rodent control remains a challenge.

Dana was asked if the water meter could be installed between the well and the tank where pipe size is not an issue, and he sees no problem with that.

Work party to clean kitchen is tentatively rescheduled for October 26th at 12 pm. Dana will make sure Mike & Sam are available.

Paul Reiber reports that there are two local carpenters who would love to make a bench for the Baha'i bench donation for \$500-600. He is researching options and continuing discussion with Baha'i group.

G. Fundraising/Marketing

A Flight of Fancy planning continues. Silent Auction items are being collected.

The End of the Year letter needs to be prepared so it can go out at the end of November.

H. Community Planning/Development

Sienna reports that a group of interested community members met with Loren Rex of State Parks on October 19th on the Caspar Headlands. The fence blocking access to the trail has been removed. This trail will be mowed when it is safe to do so and the gate will be restored for emergency services access. Loren is happy that the community is so involved and suggests working on a simple plan to designate an official trail (which will be more likely to be maintained), plan for invasive species removal using community financed Department of Corrections crews at \$228 per day, with follow-up by Fourth Saturday Headlands Work Day volunteers.

The Headlands will be the topic for the Community Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2018. Loren was invited to attend. A newsletter to go out in late January will include various views and opportunities for the Headlands.

I. Human Resources Committee

Nothing to report. They will be meeting after the Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sienna M Potts.

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