

Caspar Community Board Meeting  
Caspar Community Center  
August 16, 2019

Board Members:

*Present:* Dalen Anderson, Rochelle Elkan, Robert Frey, Annie Lee, Paul Reiber, Glenn Rude, Paul Schulman

*Absent:* Paula Glessner

*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:* Sienna M Potts

Proceedings

1. Meeting was called to order at 9 am by President Bob Frey.
2. Minutes of 8/2/2019: Approved.
3. Changes to the Agenda: none.
4. Community comments and input:

Sienna brought up her concerns, as a community member, about increased traffic and speeding cars in “downtown” Caspar where we also have a lot of pedestrians, children, and dog walkers. She suggested street art as a way to help calm traffic and also to bring the community together for a fun project. She had checked with County Supervisor Dan Gjerde who is very supportive and will look into county requirements. It was agreed to bring the idea of a traffic calming street art project to the October Community Meeting.

5. Correspondence: We received a generous donation from Jim Katzel.
6. Committee and Staff Reports

A. Office Manager, Event Manager

Sienna and Paula met with Marni Johnson, a local representative for [Classic Wines of California](#). Paula will place an order with her for our next wine purchase.

As cashier for Pub Night, Merideth Frey has been getting increased requests for credit card payments. Sienna suggested that the Finance Committee consider accepting credit cards at events.

Paula inquired about a business account at Costco and passed on an application to Dalen.

Paul Reiber, after researching grinders and better coffee storage, recommends that we order our coffee in vacuum sealed one pound bags for only a few cents more than the five pound bag.

B. Finance/Treasurer

We are back to running at a deficit, but that is usual for this time of year. Rental income is up. Events expenses are up more than the income, though that includes alcohol in stock for future events.

Next Finance Committee meeting is September 19, 10 am.

C. Caspar Community Garden

The gardeners said “Thank you!” to Bob and Merideth Frey for the donation of the garden cart. Two beds are available.

Next Garden Committee meeting is November 2, 2 pm.

D. Facilities

The North room and hallway floors will be recoated at the end of February 2020.

Garage keys were given to Bob, Dalen, and Mike Fadeff.

Work Party to begin organizing the garage on August 18, 1 pm.

Work Party for spreading wood chips on August 20, 5 pm..

E. Fundraising/Marketing

Harvest Dinner was rescheduled to Sunday, November 10, with November 9 to prepare. Dalen will talk to Paula about forming a planning committee.

Our new Caspar patches will be available at the next Breakfast.

F. Community Planning/Development

Our October meeting will focus on community building, starting with a discussion of traffic calming street art. Sienna will ask Michael Potts to make a flyer to begin promoting the meeting at our upcoming events.

The next Community Meeting is October 20, 2019, 4 pm.

G. Human Resources

Annie reported that the Human Resources Committee met with Sienna and they are “thrilled” with her performance. They met with Paula and she enjoys managing the facility and renters, but not our events. She may remain as Facility Manager through December. The job description is being reviewed to determine how it might be divided into two positions.

Rochelle requested that a committee member take meeting minutes to be stored offsite.

Next Human Resources Meeting is August 19, 11 am.

H. Preparedness

Annie is discussing collaboration with Mendocino Coast Jewish Community in case of overflow shelter needs in an emergency.

Bob reported that the HAM operators met on August 14 to test radios and check in with the Coast Simplex Network run by Jonathan Peakall, as well as the county wide check in at 8 pm.

Next Preparedness Meeting is August 26, 7 pm.

7. Building Community

It was agreed that we have a healthy, friendly community, serving Caspar residents, coastal and inland neighbors, and visitors. How can we facilitate more community events without adding excessively to the work of the staff and Board?

Sienna suggested that we offer a limited number of free rentals to free events, at the approval of the Board. No staff or equipment would be offered, and any other terms would need to be clear. Any events that did not fit could become rentals.

Our Meet Your Neighbor events could be brought back, even turned into less formal evenings, like a talent show or storytelling.

Sienna will work on a questionnaire to get feedback from community members about our current and possible events (please suggest questions). Dalen will ask Miriam to make a suggestion box.

Sienna will create a newsletter before the Community Meeting. Annie will do a piece, with photos, on the chip-sreading work parties. Dalen will write about the freeze dryer & share her pie chart of income/expenses. Bob will write an update about the garage.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sienna M Potts.

Wondering what's going on at the Center?  
Check the [online calendar](#).