

## **Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 18, 2007**

### **I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Board Members:** Paul Reiber, David Alden, Ray Duff, Paul Schulman, Susan Keller, and Judy Tarbell.

**Absent:** Susan Juhl

**Staff:** Dalen Anderson.

**Guests:** Susan Norgaard and Charlene McAllister

Quorum Declared: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

### **II. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for the Board meeting on May 4 were read and approved as amended.

### **III. Reports**

#### **A. Correspondence**

MTV has invited us to an open house, June 1 from 5 to 8 pm to celebrate their new quarters.

Susan Norgaard and Charlene McAllister joined the meeting to present us with a check for the grant money from the Mendocino Community Foundation. The funds are from the AD Abrahamson Endowment Fund, and are to be used to pay for the artwork on the postal pavilion. Mr. Abrahamson was especially supportive of woodworking arts, so this is particularly appropriate. Ours is the only grant from the fund for 2007.

#### **B. Treasurer:**

This past quarter we made a slight profit, but were unable to add anything into the kitchen fund. One thing that has happened is a general drop off in pledges and other regular contributions, which the CC depends on for operating expenses. In addition, when Susan Juhl made a matching grant last December and January, it was with the intent that the donations she was to match, along with her matching amount up to \$200, would go into the kitchen fund. However, as it turns out, a number of people simply paid their regular pledges for the next several months in one lump payment, thus triggering Susan's match. But then the regular monthly pledge payments were not made, thus decreasing the amount of money available for the CC's regular operating expenses, and requiring us to take money we (and Susan) thought was going into the kitchen fund and using it to cover regular expenses.

We have to find some way of clarifying our fund raising efforts and to raise more regular funding of the CC, and for the kitchen project. The rental activities of the CCC cover only about ½ of expenses, and we depend on regular donations and the occasional fundraiser to cover the rest. In addition, we have a capital fund drive underway to raise

additional money for the kitchen project. Right now there is considerable confusion about what the fundraisers are targeting, and how the monthly pledges factor in.

It was determined that a finance committee be formed to address this, as well as related issues regarding the clarity of our accounting system. Judy Tarbell, Dave Alden, Ray Duff and Dalen Anderson volunteered for it. First meeting is to be Tues, May 29 at 11:00 a.m. at the CCC.

Coordination also needs to be made with the people on the Fund Raising Committee for the Kitchen project. Many of the ideas they have had for fund raising are the same ideas we have had, and have been implementing, to raise general fund money for the Center.

All agreed that a movie night and a monthly dinner would be good ideas. The first movie night is scheduled for June 17. Cal Winslow will be organizing it. There is also a global warming training program which could be organized on such a night. We need, however, to solve the movie screen problem, since the one we have had on loan is leaving.

Generally, expenses for the CCC are up compared to the first quarter of 2006. This is partially explained by the increased use of a maintenance man, and is to that degree expected. The Finance Committee will look into this, however.

### **C. Manager's Report**

All CCC activities are normal and there are no crises. Dalen proposed, and the Board approved, having a monthly fundraising dinner the 2d Friday of each month, commencing in August, which is the first available date. Help is needed for the flea market on May 27. Jim Tarbell was volunteered in absentia, and Susan Keller willfully and knowingly also volunteered.

### **D. President's Report/Election of Officers**

Paul Reiber indicated that the stress and time requirements of the job might prevent him from continuing, and he offered to phase out as President and perhaps even as a Board Member. Upon hearing the wails and remonstrations this generated, along with a proposal that some of the duties of president be divided up among other board members, Paul indicated that he would give serious thought to staying on as Presidente Por Vida, a life-tenured position. Paul Schulman will prepare and take care of agendas. Other roles will be picked up and shared as we move along.

Because the by-laws require an annual meeting in May to reappoint Officers and Directors, the Board voted unanimously to continue all current people in their current positions. However, this will be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting for further discussion.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **A. Timber Harvest Plans**

An additional ten days was provided by CDF with regard to the Ed Powers proposed Timber harvest plan. A notice was sent to the CC email list.

### **B. Cattle Co. Property**

Discussion was had regarding the agenda for the June 10 community meeting. A newsletter should precede it. The deadline for distribution will be roughly May 31.

Accordingly, articles must be in by May 24. The Newsletter should include a summary of the history of the Caspar Cattle Co. lands and the CC's involvement.

#### **C. CasparFest**

A lot has been happening in planning for the CasparFest. At the meeting on May 9, it was announced that CELL might back out. However, after discussion it would appear that they might be still interested in co-producing it after all. It was learned that Jima \_\_\_\_ has joined the planned group and that Michael Potts has resigned, although he graciously offered to continue to provide his support in regard to the web site. The CasparFest (or its predecessor in interest) has been the single largest fundraising event for the CC. The planners are looking at ways to cut costs as well as to "re-form" the Fest into one that is oriented more on Caspar as well as on general issues of sustainability and community, and not as focused on music per se, although music will still be an important part of it. The emphasis will hopefully be on local music. While it had been proposed to change the name to the CasparGreenFest, fortunately the planning group is not wedded to this awkward idea.

#### **VI. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 a.m.