

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting
April 4, 2008

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

Board Members: David Alden, Judy Tarbell, Paul Schulman, Paul Reiber, Susan Keller

Absent:, Rhoda Teplow, Susan Juhl,

Staff: Dalen Anderson.

Guests: Bette Goldfarb, Loraine Duff

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the Board meeting on March 7 and March 21 2008 were approved as corrected.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

Paul Schulman was going to write the Shul to see if they felt like contributing to the parking lot improvements. He reports that he raised it with one of the Shul board members, and found that they were already discussing the possibility of doing this. He recommends waiting to hear from them. More letters of support for the kitchen project and loan applications have been received, along with a donation of \$500.

Art Milke has been given 2 large high quality speakers and asks if the CCC would be interested in using them. They may require some repair. Paul Schulman will follow up w/ our sound person Peter Temple. The possibility of wiring sound permanently into all rooms was discussed. Copies of photos from professional photographer Arthur Tress have been received that were taken by him in Caspar in 1963-64. He has indicated a willingness to put on a display of them at the CCC.

B. Treasurer:

None.

C. Manager's Report

More dance classes are using the CCC. A new Community Service Worker is starting tomorrow. There is a celebration for the Jackson State Forest on 4/19 from 6:00 to 12:00 a.m. The Humbolt State planning class (George Williamson and Michael Smith) is coming to visit on April 11 at 2:30. Dave Alden volunteered to show them around.

IV. New Business

A. Bookshelves/Library

CCC has been offered 15 feet of nice bookshelves. It has also been offered the archival collection of the Alliance for Democracy. The board discussed whether the CCC should be used for a community library and archive center of some sort. The Back Storage Room would be the likely area for such a use. It needs to be cleaned out. The Board set a work day of April 10 at 10:00 a.m. to clean it out and evaluate it with respect to such use. The board will decide thereafter whether to go ahead with a library use. At a minimum, someone would have to volunteer to run the program.

V. Old Business

A. Kitchen Project/Pavilion

Funding applications are in and Dan Dickson is working on the drawings. Contractors are beginning to show interest in the project. There was discussion of how to complete the fund raising for the kitchen project, and how to structure an ongoing fund raising program to provide the operating funds needed for the center. The fund raising committee will discuss. Bruce Ericson is preparing a quote for the solar component of the project.

We are awaiting the final plans for the mail pavilion. Dan will meet with all potential bidders, proposals will be accepted and the committee and Dan will select the final contractor. there was discussion of whether it will be cheaper to pay the costs of milling the tree which has been offered to us, including the \$300 fee for grading the lumber, or to simply purchase lumber. Paul Reiber and Paul Schulman will talk to Dan about this, as well as about what his schedule is for completing the drawings.

A neighbor has asked whether the construction of the pavilion should take into account the nesting of the Violet Green Swallow on the CCC, suggesting that it is a protected species. The board will investigate.

B. Earth Ovens

Richard Miller of the permitting department has suggested that we probably don't need a permit for construction of an earth oven and protecting structure. Unless he gets back to us to the contrary, we will act on that assumption. There was clarification that the board has guaranteed the fee for this seminar, with the hope that enough people will attend to cover the costs.

C. Gorse

The Gorse project has been funded by a BLM grant to the Fire Safety Council of approximately \$100,000. Congratulations to all who have worked so hard on this project. The CC has been asked whether it will cover incidental expenses to move this forward, such as mailing costs, with an expectation of getting reimbursed. The Board unanimously agreed to this.

D. Newsletter

Articles are being submitted. The board discussed once again the issue of whether the newsletter should be distributed just in digital form, and determined to await results of a survey to be included in the newsletter about what people prefer.

E. Interactive Website

Alden reported that Sienna Potts says that setting up a community bulletin board or interactive blog would be easy. The board discussed again the issue of whether and how such a blog would have to be moderated if sponsored (i.e. linked on the community website) by the CC. More discussion is needed.

Dalen noted that the Center is fully booked on May 16, 2008, and the board will have to meet elsewhere. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.