

Caspar Community Board Meeting  
Caspar Community Center  
Friday, September 28, 2012

1. Call to Order 9:10  
Present: Rochelle Elkan, Bob Frey, Susan Juhl, Susan Keller, Annie Lee, Paul Schulman, Judy Tarbell, Jessie Lee VanSant  
Staff: Dalen Anderson  
Others: Jim Tarbell
2. Minutes of August 31 were accepted.
3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda - None
4. Correspondence – None
5. Reports
  - A. Executive Director
    - Sterilizer is paid for and taken by FB Grange.
    - The theft of the Coastal Commission computer is not covered by our insurance but will be covered by theirs.
    - There is a new hypnotherapy class starting on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30.
    - The Farmers Market will be Wednesdays, 11-12:30, the same time as the bookmobile, starting in December.
    - The League of Women Voters will be holding their monthly meeting at the CCC. (Our central location and fact that renters only need insurance if they serve alcohol.
    - Sugar skull workshop and Tea Dance on Sunday, October 21.
    - Several events scheduled. Dalen recommended a peek into Ballet (Thursday 3-5).
    - There was a short discussion about obtaining a permanent ABC license. Issue was tabled for further discussion.
  - B. Finance/Treasurer

David is pleased with the organization of the reports, though there are a few glitches in printing. We are about \$2,500 in the red so far but we need to look at figures on an annualized basis. Rentals and program/fundraising are up, donations down. Generally our financial situation looks good.
  - C. Facilities
    - Jessie expressed her enthusiasm for the pull-outs.
    - The service worker is prepping the back room.
    - Judy had concerns about the back door lock. Paul R is talking to Matson - the lock needs to be matched with the other locksets. Judy will communicate with Paul R and Paul S and/or put in a deadbolt. We have replacement for the other back door.
    - David reported that the material for the sound proofing should be here in a week. Paul R has ordered the hardware for the hanging system.
  - D. Fundraising/Marketing
    - Since the Mendocino Community Center is doing a young children's Halloween event, the committee decided not to.
    - Yianna and Jima are organizing a pre-Halloween Flea Market in conjunction with the October Breakfast.

- We will have a Day of the Dead Dance with Mixed Nuts on Friday, November 2. Hilary Coate is organizing face painting for First Friday at Town Hall. We will have a sign there and bilingual publicity.
- Saturday, November 17 is the Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction. Dalen will send out an email. Check with her before soliciting donations to avoid duplication.
- We will have a New Year's Eve dance with Samba Jamba. Board and friends to bring snacks.
- We are planning a day of workshops for February 16 and the return of the UkeFest in April.
- Several new people came to the F/M and CasparFest meetings because of the announcement on our list serve.

#### E. Community Planning

Jim Tarbell reported that since the death of his father, there is now \$100k available to the Tarbell Foundation for distribution to non-profit organizations, in addition to monies available from the Cantus Foundation. The concept developed so far is that people would lend the Caspar Community (or a Community Land Trust under the umbrella of the CC) money to buy the property, and the Foundation would guarantee the loan for ten years while the CC develops an income stream to cover the mortgage, with the land as collateral. Mike Carrol and the West Company have each been asked to develop a business plan, to be paid for with a grant from the Tarbell Foundation. Money is available from the Foundation to cover due diligence and the community planning process, including expert advice and a manager.

David commented that our non-profit status would not be endangered as long as the use is for community benefit: it fits the purview of our mission.

Susan Keller asked how the Board felt about the proposal, and there was consensus that we should continue to pursue the plan.

The investor group would serve as an advisory group to the Board. Judy, Bob and Susan J. volunteered to serve as an Executive Committee to act as a liaison. Oscar wants to sell for cash by 12/31/12. Since the Company Store is in escrow, it's possible that he might take half down and finance the remainder. The committee will map out a program for the 14-week time frame.

At Dalen's suggestion, a Community Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 14 at 3 followed by a potluck. It was also suggested that the names of investors be disclosed for transparency.

#### F. CasparFest

Next meeting is October 29 at 5. The committee will meet monthly.

The feeling at the meeting was that it would be better to have more events rather than depend so much on CasparFest. Various means of scaling back expenses were discussed, e.g., more local musicians, use of our stage and sound system, Joe as a solo act.

## 6. Events/Other

- Rochelle reported that the expenses for the Sev Ickes painting were \$2,970.13 and income was \$2, 496, leaving a balance due of \$474.13 and inventory valued at \$1,254. The F/M committee talked about putting the original in the Silent Auction but decided to wait at least a year.
- Dalen presented a request for reduced rent for a Zumba benefit for African girls. Board approved.
- Dalen asked for a process regarding reimbursement for expenditures for the CCC. It was decided that if you want to be reimbursed, bring the request to the Board before making the purchase.
- Dalen brought an inquiry from Sakina regarding employment as a Garden Manager. Consensus was that we do not have the funds at this time. Since the garden is currently not being used for the community, David suggested a Garden Committee be formed. Discussion was tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00  
Respectfully submitted,  
Annie Lee

### POLICY

Expenditures for the Community Center must be approved by the Board before being reimbursed.

### Calendar

Friday, October 12	Board Meeting Pub Night
Sunday, October 14	Community Meeting 3 pm followed by a Potluck
Sunday, October 21	Sugar Skull workshop 3-5:30 Tea Dance
Sunday, October 28	Breakfast and pre-Halloween Flea Market
Monday, October 29	CasparFest meeting 5 pm
Friday, November 2	Day of the Dead Dance with Mixed Nuts
Friday, November 9	Board Meeting Pub Night
<b>Saturday, November 17</b>	<b>Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction</b>
Friday, November 23	Board Meeting
Sunday, November 25	Breakfast
Friday, November 30	Zumba for African Girls
Friday, December 7	Board Meeting
Friday, December 14	Pub Night
Friday, December 21	Board Meeting
Sunday, December 23	Breakfast
Monday, December 31	New Year's Eve with Samba Jamba
Sunday, February 16	Workshop Day
April	Uke Fest