

Caspar Community Board Meeting

May 12, 2023

Caspar Community Center + Virtual Meeting

Board Members:

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

Absent: Ariana Bayer, Glenn Rude, Judy Tarbell

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Nick Gueli, Suzanne Jennings, Sienna M Potts

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Vice President Annie Lee.
- II. Minutes: 4/28 minutes were approved.
- III. Changes to the Agenda: All Board Officers to remain in position: Ariana Bayer, President; Annie Lee, Vice President; Bob Frey, Treasurer; Rochelle Elkan, Secretary
- IV. Community comments and input: Ian Forman has returned to Caspar, with some supervision. Ariana is in contact with Ian's brother Marc and with Redwood Community Services (RCS office for adult services: 707-961-0308). Any disturbing interactions should be reported to the sheriff, RCS, and DDA Kelsey. Emergency info signs will be updated to include sheriff's emergency number and general instructions regarding threatening situations. Nick will talk with Ian to let him know about upcoming large events at the Center.
- V. Correspondence:
 - A) C&S Waste notified Sienna that animal resistant carts are available for an extra fee but advised waiting to see if they are necessary.
 - B) The Community Foundation is organizing a meeting to create regional Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) groups in our county. Annie will respond.
 - C) Ariana met [Leisyka Parrott](#), the new California Coastal National Monument Manager. Leisyka shared the [Memorandum of Understanding between Caspar Community and Bureau of Land Management regarding the California Coastal National Monument](#) and spoke with Ariana, & Michael Potts, about goals and possibilities for collaboration. One idea was to hold a "Conservation Partners Resilience Conference" at the Center, possibly in February 2024.
- VI. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A) Office Manager:
 - 1) Sienna reported that she is preparing an evaluation of our income and expenses in order to help determine a scheduled raise in rental rates.
 - 2) Sienna put together a selection of print-on-demand products for our [Etsy shop](#). These items will not be sold at CasparFest but are meant to supplement options so that we can offer less popular sizes without having to order and store them.
 - B) Finance Committee: Bob reported that we're doing well for the times.
 - C) Staff Support Committee: nothing to report.
 - D) Events & Fundraising:
 - 1) Nick will make a sign for volunteer sign-up to post at events
 - 2) Game Night, 5/12 and 6/9, but none in July
4th Sunday Breakfast, 5/28, Dalen cooking
 - 3) CasparFest entertainment has been booked: Mama Grows Funk, La Honda (?), Dixieland Explosion, and Queer Country. Crew bosses are being established. An ADA portapotty has been ordered so back deck can be used as stage.

- 4) Rochelle has asked for a quote for tees and hoodies from local print shop [Epic](#)
- 5) Next Meeting: 6/5, 10 am, at Center, focus on CasparFest
- E) Rental Management: Nick reported that he is very busy. He reads all messages but only responds when necessary. Community Jam and Paka G's afternoon concert events have been discontinued. Redwood Waste Solutions will be running Mobile CRV Buy Back Recycling in the Center parking lot on Mondays from 8:30 am to 5 pm (three month trial). Nick has been working with Linda King to establish a reliable cleaning schedule.
- F) Facilities:
 - 1) Work Day planned with scaffolding in order to clean lampshades, sound barriers, North room drapes. Plans will be finalized at 6/9 Board meeting.
 - 2) Paul S. and Bob discovered that the charger is overcharging the batteries in our back up solar electric system. Bob says the batteries likely will need to be replaced. Mendocino Solar will be consulted.
- G) Caspar Community Garden:
 - 1) Five of ten gardeners met on May 6
 - 2) Each gardener will receive funds for compost
 - 3) Rochelle is making a Community Garden sign
 - 4) Gardeners know to check the calendar to avoid weddings
 - 5) One bed available
- H) Patio Planning: Rochelle spoke with Carey Knecht, a landscape architect who was a member of the UC Environmental Planning Studio team that helped with Caspar's town plan in the late 1990s. Carey pointed out that our biggest concern is drainage. She said that pavers that fit closely together (like the ones in the [drawings](#)) clog after a couple of years and stop being permeable and need to be reset. Pavers with larger openings are best. Rochelle researched grass pavement as an alternative. Rochelle will put together a project description and contact [Dancing Dog Design Build](#) for a bid. Paul S. will call the contractor with whom he and Dalen have worked.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sienna M Potts.

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Wondering what's going on at the Center?

Check the [online calendar](#).

Find the [most recent enews here](#).

5/12/23, 5:30-9 pm Game Night

5/26/23, 9:30 am, Working Board Meeting

5/28/23, 9-11 am 4th Sunday Breakfast

6/5, 10 am Fundraising/Event Committee Meeting

6/9/23, 5:30-9 pm Game Night

6/13, 10 am, Work Day with scaffolding, & 6/14 as needed

6/25/23, 9-11 am 4th Sunday Breakfast & Flea Market til 2 pm

7/8/23, noon, CasparFest