

WVCC Board Minutes

February 9, 2016 4:12 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis, Recca, Marian

Guests: Conan Mishler, Steve Williams, Emily Trapani, Marian Scadden, Katie Vinson

The meeting was chaired by Dick. A printed agenda was available. The 1/26/2016 minutes were approved as presented.

Marian did not present a formal financial report, but did note that the campus is still operating in the red (\$77.27). Charlyn reported that she had received a check from the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition for the sum of \$485 for 2015.

Because of the presence as well as the expected arrival of more guests, the ordering of the agenda and the conduct of the meeting was adjusted to accommodate them. The record of minutes presented here roughly follows the format of the original agenda.

Old Business:

Dick reported that there is still some uncertainty about campus insurance coverage. He is attempting to find a way to eliminate many, if not most, of the current exclusions. There is now a \$ 1,000,000 policy on the main building. This will appear again on the agenda as information becomes available.

Because of the lengthy agenda, there was no discussion of web site updates.

Brief discussion of the February 7 email that Charlyn forwarded/sent to the board from the Coastal Hills Quilters suggests that no major issues need resolving in the MOU between them and WVCC. Their response shows a little confusion about room improvements (applied flooring) and what happens in the event of a room relocation, as well as their demonstration of insurance coverage. It is likely that conversation will move this forward for approval by next campus board meeting.

Marian's assessment of the status of ownership of the campus is that now Dick owns the whole shebang. He (Paay School LLC) did have some hurdles in getting to this point, primarily getting a copy of the trust deed from the School District. The District will be removing the 3 portable bleachers by the softball field. Other details were not discussed, but it was recognized that there is considerable more freedom in managing the asset without having to cope with reserved ownership rights.

There was no discussion of scheduling repairs to the bleachers from the recent storm damage. Replacement of the power pole that snapped and caused it is still awaiting resolution, and will be reviewed again at a future board meeting.

The board reviewed the draft memorandum for rent payments that Marian earlier emailed board members on February 8. Discussion focused on the merits of tailoring the memo to be individually directed, or to draft it to group those entities that would be treated similarly (yoga, zumba, belly dancing ?). There were mixed opinions, but the consensus eventually was to make each memo specific to the targeted group. It was also recognized that personal contact with a representative of each group

was equally important to getting the message out that income was necessary to help offset the utility costs born by WVCC. Follow up to this effort will be included as an agenda item at the next board meeting.

The board listened to and participated in a lengthy presentation/discussion about an intended musical theater production in the planning stage by the West Valley Music and Drama group. The group is collaborating with Maria Scadden in this effort, and she is bringing a level of professionalism to the project. The campus was asked for assistance in being a venue for rehearsals as well as at least one performance on April 26. Other performances will be at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Emily spoke to what she hoped School District students might be able to contribute, and Steve shared handout flyers that had already been prepared advertising the start of auditions on February 24. Discussion topics included scheduling needs, costuming, insurance, and other details. The board was supportive and cautiously enthusiastic about the demonstration of the commitment by Marian and Steve and Emily; more attention will be directed to this agenda item in the future.

The chili feed/music event scheduled for this coming weekend is reportedly on track. Charlyn noted that she would be at the campus by 3:00 on Saturday for setting up and could use all the help that might be available.

New Business:

There was no discussion about work projects at the planned February 20 campus work day. It is expected that Dick will or already does have a lengthy list for those who attend. Any details can and will be worked out by email since the next board meeting is after that date.

Charlyn reminded the board that the Yamhill County Emergency Preparedness event is a two-part use of the campus, consecutive Thursdays February 18 and February 25. The first evening is a showing of the impact of the tsunami in Japan by Mark Havel.

No real progress was reported by Dick in securing any kind of water right for the campus. At best, it appears to be a costly and time consuming process.

Dick also noted that there has been difficulty in getting phone calls returned from a representative of Spirit Mountain Casino in reference to available property. He understood it to largely be more carpet squares, so there may not be much urgency.

No action was taken in reviewing or discussing campus policies.

Marian reported no new information on the campus dropbox yet.

Conan Mishler shared with the board his interest in the campus providing a room for those interested in silent meditation. The board suggested that Room 9 could be available Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00. Discussion raised the idea of some kind of compensation for coverage of campus utility expenses, as well as providing the necessary paperwork in filling out an application.

Katie shared with the board her idea that the campus might want to consider as a benefit the idea of a fall one-day music festival, much like what has been done nearby during the summer for a couple of years. She suggested that there was plenty of interest out there, that she was aware of several bands that could be interested as well. Discussion topics included the logistics, such as date, size, camping,

parking, use of space, and other requirements. The board agreed about the general merits of the plan, and will work with Katie to see how the idea might be developed.

During General Comment, Dick presented the idea to the board that the Art Walk group might be able to facilitate some grant money becoming available to the campus. He had met with Monica Setziol-Phillips about WVCC being targeted by them for support in the area of theater arts. The board had in earlier discussions considered how to best use space in the upper end of the campus and how it might be most useful in the future as an area for development of the fine arts. Monica apparently expressed some level of agreement with this idea while viewing the area during a campus visit. This portion of the building needs considerable improvements just to make it accessible and available for public use. Dick entertained a motion to pursue this contact for securing grant money for the development of the fine arts wing of the campus. Charlyn moved and Marian seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. It was noted that such a grant would require matching funds. Dick noted that timely action was required; the application needs to be submitted next week.

Because of the length of the board meeting, the only other general comment offered was the opinion by Dennis and Charlyn that the collection of Willamina School District trophies and plaques taking up space in the board meeting room might just as well be returned to their original and dedicated display case in the outer hallway. They are the awards of some 30 years of student efforts and achievements, and are not wanted by the school district. Marian voiced her approval of the idea as well. More discussion will consider the merits of such action.

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Dennis Werth
Secretary