

WVCC Board Minutes

July 26, 2016 4:00 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis, Recca, Marian

Guest: Larry Godsey (He made a brief appearance at 4:45 pm to request the rental of 12 chairs. Request granted: \$10.)

The meeting was chaired by Dick. A printed agenda was available, but was added to at the meeting. The 6/28/2016 minutes were approved as presented (there was no meeting or minutes from 7/12/2016 because of cancellation). Marian shared a Profit/Loss Statement and a Balance Sheet; the campus financial situation remains largely unchanged, but Marian noted that in June WVCC actually came in with a small positive balance. It is hoped that July might do so as well, largely because of the several events that happened this month.

Old Business:

It was reported that the WVCC phone charging station at the recent Wildwood Music Festival resulted in a little over \$160 in revenue. That sum realistically does not make sense considering the amount of time and effort expended by the volunteers, so there was discussion of raising the cost from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per phone next year if we participate. Recca shared that she had asked patrons what might be perceived as a fair amount and \$5.00 seemed to be the upper limit. There was a \$70 yoga donation at the event as well. It was acknowledged that the event does have some other intangible benefits that are difficult to measure, such as involving other volunteers and bringing campus awareness to the music folks.

Work is continuing on the development of a new campus web site, with the focus still on determining content. The obvious plan is to remove the old one as soon as it can be replaced by the new one.

Planning is ongoing in having a public meeting for discussion of having expanded internet service for Willamina, with Dick proposing the campus as the gathering point. A tentative meeting date of August 4 at 6:30 pm is planned, and this topic will be a future agenda item. The expanded 3-fiber connection is intended to benefit the three sectors of education, business, and community.

Charlyn shared that WVCC did receive \$500 from First Federal Savings & Loan, the maximum amount granted to groups, as part of their charitable grants for volunteer credit hours. A thank you note will be sent to them, as well as other persons or groups that are deserving of them. (Marian brought to the meeting the newly printed notes that are now available for use, and they were highly praised for their appearance.)

Recca led the discussion on reviewing the recent 4th of July activities, with a general separation into four program areas. The WVCC food booth results were briefly summarized, and it was noted that the individuals behind that effort were going to have a follow-up meeting at a later date. The Coastal Hills Quilters were apparently satisfied with their location and level of participation during the day. They enjoyed setting up their space and had no problems with it being unmanned. The painting of the outside mural was regarded as a success, with considerable positive feedback. The drawbacks of spraying paint near an area of foot traffic and food service did not result in a negative experience. The open mic went off as planned, with Eric doing an excellent job of arranging electric and sound

availability. It was not as well attended as hoped, but being a new idea for the campus, it might do better in future years. An approximate guess is that the day yielded about \$700 above expenses.

Dick shared some comments about possible changes in location and timing in future July 4th activities. One idea was to move the car show closer to the campus proper; another idea was to get reaction to moving the parade to an earlier time in the afternoon. Other ideas for future consideration were including a campus art show and beer garden. Also mentioned were the ideas of having the logging show and horseshoes located at the campus rather than elsewhere in town. Some of these ideas will require coordination and agreement with the city and other sponsoring groups, besides a great deal of advanced planning.

The planned car swap meet with its associated parking needs did not happen. This became a nonevent.

Dick gave an update on storm damage repairs. Nothing has happened with pole replacement, but he has talked with a roof engineer. He is going to be talking with an electrician to get some numbers. There are visible condition issues with at least one other pole besides the one that failed, so some kind of assessment needs to be made before decisions can be made. From what Dick has seen, one of the remaining standing poles likely needs replacing, and positioning of transformers needs to be settled.

New Business:

Dick reported contact with a man in Willamina with experience in keying buildings, and he might be interested in helping the campus. Dick will pursue this as opportunity presents itself.

As recorded here earlier under Old Business, thank you cards have been printed and are available for use. Fifty cards were made in the first printing.

Marian shared information on upcoming scheduled special events at the campus. The calendar did not seem to be overly crowded, with a couple events by Hampton and one by Virginia Garcia, as well as a class reunion and a Kiwanis dinner.

The campus has a work day scheduled this coming Saturday, July 30. Details and work needs are posted in the media.

Investigation of the availability of water rights for the campus continues. Dick would like to craft arrangement either through procurement or donation of rights to irrigate about 4 acres. Any progress will be reported as a future agenda item.

Dick shared some improvement steps he is taking with other structures on the campus property. He is getting bids for insulating the house at the south end of the property, as well as doing work on walls and floors. Ceiling insulation on the campus is also being considered. Applying rebates after costs will reduce the amount of dollars required considerably.

The upcoming Harvest Festival at the campus was a subject of discussion. There was some thought to delaying the date one week to October 1, but no firm decision was made. It was noted that just about any Saturday is going to have a conflict somewhere. Mariam will provide details as they become clarified and certain.

Under General Comment, some discussion briefly examined the idea of having prison work crews help on campus projects or work days. It seemed to the board that Dick was probably the person to have direct contact with prison authorities to determine whether or not the idea is plausible. Dick will try again to solicit liability insurance proposals for the campus. Recca shared that there is interest in expanding the applied art phenomenon in campus hallways. This idea will be explored in greater detail in upcoming campus meetings. The idea of a campus color scheme or motif was visited again, and will most certainly appear as a future agenda item.

There continues to be uncertainty sometimes which events or meetings require going through the formal campus application process. What threshold triggers the requirement? This will be visited again in the future.

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Dennis Werth
Secretary