

WVCC Board Minutes

August 23, 2016 4:00 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis, Recca, Marian

The meeting was chaired by Dick. A printed agenda was available. The 8/09/2016 minutes were approved as presented. Marian shared a to date August Balance Sheet. The lease payment is due and payable by the end of the month. There was some discussion of expected incoming dollars, with Recca recognizing that she needed financial records for both 2015 and 2016 to complete the application for buying at State surplus auctions. Dick also noted that there were two significant charges on the debit card for roofing materials, something in the amount of \$20,000.

Old Business:

There is nothing new to report on contacting the key man. No one has seen him out and about, so this will only appear as an agenda item when there is something new to discuss.

There was little new information on the Innovate Willamina planning and scheduling. The campus will be used as events progress. The Ford Family Foundation group had a meeting to discuss future activity for Willamina. Dave Buswell had discussed this with Dennis earlier during the recent Kiwanis duck race/ fund raising event. Recca and Charlyn will share in keeping the campus informed of developments; otherwise, we wait and see.

Things are on hold on the seeking of water rights for WVCC. The irrigation season is essentially over for the year. There are no clear best choices available at this point.

It is likely that a potential renter of campus space will not be in position to act until WVCC secures the proper zoning. Hopefully, there will be time to direct toward this effort in the near future.

Any decision in reference to siting a sand volleyball court on campus property is delayed until the board makes a formal assessment of the future use of the baseball field. At the present, it looks likely that the ball field will no longer serve in that capacity, but any decision to eliminate it will almost certainly be irreversible. A volleyball court and other improvements could be sited on the footprint of the ball field should it be abandoned.

The Little Guy football is scheduled to start soon; Dick has several chores to complete prior to its use of a portion of the football field.

Some concerns and cautions were discussed in relation to the idea of a Halloween event at the campus. Liability for the event is a major concern. The idea was introduced by Matt Huegli on July 12 when Dick and Dennis were the only board members present at the campus. Dennis had sent an email to the board on July 17 summarizing Matt's proposal. Matt is proposing to switch any potential event to Saturday evening, October 29, rather than Halloween itself. It was unanimously agreed that Matt needed to appear at a board meeting to discuss his plans, which is consistent with what was proposed on July 12. An application would need to be submitted as well.

New Business:

The board agreed for Dick to pursue disposing of the ticket booth/"garden shed" in any way he might be able to generate some funds.

Marian shared information about different grant opportunities and sources, including Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Ford Family Foundation, and First Federal Savings & Loan. A common thread is grants are available in different sizes, and many of them require matching funds. Specific projects have to be targeted, and a lot of preparation is necessary to complete an application. A First Federal grant application seems likely to be the quickest to have ready for completion. It is the intent to target here gas lines and supporting fixtures, as well as perhaps a furnace or two. Other priorities are moving forward on the kitchen and advertising for and filling the position of an Executive Director.

The upcoming campus work day is on schedule for this coming Saturday, August 27. A list of tasks is already prepared.

The next lease payment is due and payable this coming week.

Marian reviewed several activities scheduled on the campus calendar. They largely remained the same as before.

Considerable discussion was directed toward the process of getting the campus rezoned. Dick summarized some of the hurdles required to complete the process, and the board agreed that we need to move this process forward as soon as possible. It is hoped we can see this accomplished sometime this fall. This will be a future agenda item where details and requirements will be reported with more detail.

In General Comment, it was noted that the borrowed tables had been returned. Dick shared that he felt WVCC should have no relationship with anything related to the drug industry; Dennis noted that the board may want to adopt some kind of policy that expresses that feeling. This idea will be revisited in the future. Marian had some updated information on the Harvest Festival, primarily inquiring about the availability of tables for use by the vendors. The fold-out tables in the wall of the auditorium were recognized as dangerous for use and could not realistically serve the purpose. The board will address the table numbers needed at the next board meeting. Charlyn noted that she thought the Fire Department would be represented at the Festival, with various attractions for the young as well as material for an older audience. No formal adoption of a representative to Innovate Willamina was undertaken yet.

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Dennis Werth
Secretary