

WVCC Board Minutes

October 4, 2016 4:03 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis, Recca, Marian

Guests: Susan Richman, Stella Schaefer, Ethan

Because of the guests, the agenda was adjusted to accommodate their appearance.

Stella and her fellow Willamina High School student Adrian were interested in the possibility of starting a community-wide ceramic studio at the campus. Discussion focused on the perceived local interest in such a proposal. There is some concern about the availability of a mentor and a possible overlap with an existing ceramic program at the public school. The students will do more investigation and report back to the board when they have additional information.

Susan appeared before the board to explore the idea of moving her Yoga classes from the lower campus to the former science room in the upper campus. A wood floor is preferred over a carpeted one, but considerable preparation would be required to make the room useable. Issues of heat and restroom availability were also discussed, as well as funding sources to make it possible. She will return for another appearance after she has made contacts with other yoga studios to assess heating systems as well as sharing other ideas. There was a suggestion that she was hoping for dedicated space, or at least a 'no shoe' room only. She also raised the question of where to bring or leave monthly rent payments, which is not yet fully established.

After the departure of the guests, the meeting returned to the agenda at 4:45 pm..

The meeting was chaired by Dick. A printed agenda was available. The 9/20/2016 minutes were approved as presented. Marian shared a Profit/Loss sheet, as well as a 4-page detail of the P/L year-to-date income and expense numbers. In the first nine months of this year, WVCC is over \$7600 in the red. She also prepared and shared a Harvest Festival financial summary, showing a return of slightly over \$1400. The last paper shared was a Balance Sheet for year-to-date assets to liabilities. A brief general discussion raised the question of where WVCC is most likely to succeed in raising revenues, and the answer was in expanding and increasing the room rentals. To do that means partially addressing the matter of exclusions on our current insurance policy, which will be targeted as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Old Business:

A review of the recent Harvest Festival acknowledged receipt of favorable comments. All success is directly attributed to the efforts primarily on the part of Marian and Eric, as well as the contributions by the other volunteers. As noted above, the event benefitted the campus over \$1400. It was agreed that it would have been nice to have had more activities directed toward children, but some of what was scheduled unavoidably did not happen. Marian did note that two auction or raffle items have not yet been claimed; phone calls have not been successful in making contact, so some alternative may have to be explored.

Repairs on the roof are ongoing; the library is close to being completed. Much of what remains is weather dependent, as is expected, and some areas will have to be addressed next year. A plan is to cut

off and remove some of the roof vents and replace them sometime in the future. Areas of unfinished 'trim' still permit moisture to get into the building.

Matt Huegli did meet with some of the board since the last board meeting and had more discussion about the possibility of a Halloween event at the campus. Time is very limited for planning and preparation, so there is some doubt as to whether or not it will be possible for his group of volunteers to make it happen. Recca had a subsequent meeting with them and the idea of using the auditorium instead of the upper campus was explored. This would significantly reduce the effort required of them in creating a usable space, but does introduce issues like fitting into the campus calendar. Consensus of the board was to waive the fee for use of the auditorium conditional upon the event being non-profit and geared toward being a WVCC benefit. The possibility of nothing happening this year was recognized, but it generally was viewed as a worthy idea if matters of insurance, safety, and accountability are adequately addressed. More will be known about this in the coming weeks.

Marian reported that the submitted First Federal S & L grant application will be considered sometime in mid-October. The request was for \$4721 for gas line/furnace installation. The other grant applications did not meet deadlines for this cycle.

The proposed campus benches are just about ordered. Where they might first be positioned for 'viewing' is not yet decided.

Discussion about any kind of relationship between WVCC and the Red Cross was tabled.

New Business:

Consideration of moving Yoga to a different classroom was discussed and reported here at the beginning of the meeting.

Dick would like to see a 'formal' proposed budget for the Wet Season Music Series and to see the process move through a committee. The board has largely acted as a committee in this matter, and details discussed include the purchase of wine, arranging for no band that costs more than \$250, and that two of the dates are sponsored by Kiwanis and the Chamber of Commerce. Those dates are Valentines and Christmas, respectively. Marian did share that WVCC cleared \$67 after expenses in last year's series. October 15 is the opening event.

The appearance of the guests at the beginning of the meeting in reference to creating a WVCC ceramic studio was also reported here earlier in the minutes.

The next campus work day is scheduled for October 15. Dennis shared that he may not be present for much if any of it, depending upon the weather. Rain would make it likely that he will be there. Marian will have an updated work list of things to do.

Discussion of upcoming events showed nothing unusual on the calendar.

In General Comment, Dennis reported having an 'encouraging' conversation with a couple at the recent Harvest Festival in which he discussed the idea of WVCC looking to recruit an Executive Director. The husband is retired and may or may not have skills that would be of interest to us. They live in the Perrydale area. Marian might be able to get their last names from off the Harvest Festival raffle tickets, since the wife won two of the items. Dennis thought their name sounded like 'McKweon'. Abby

Mendenhall, a former Willamina student, was also in attendance during this discussion and she and her family are tenants of this couple at their Perrydale property.

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Dennis Werth
Secretary