

WVCC Board Minutes

October 18, 2016 4:06 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis, Recca, Marian

Guests: Jeri St Onge, Stella Schaefer, Ethan, Katie Vinson

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

Stella and Ethan gave an update to the board about interest in establishing a ceramic studio at the campus by sharing a petition signed by over 260 persons. The board expressed appreciation of their effort and moved to discussion of possible locations on the campus that might be ADA adapted and/or accessible and suitable for that kind of use. The two students have fathers that might be able to help create useable space, but are not yet able to designate a possible mentor of the program. The specialized nature of the use makes permanence of location a factor to consider. The idea will be revisited as more information and strategy are developed.

Jeri appeared before the board to offer summary comments about the development of this year's Wet Season Music Series. Roles and expectations were not fully communicated earlier, and details are now becoming more formalized. Jeri and Recca will serve as co-chairs as the season progresses, giving the preliminary budget more definition and structure. Some time was spent in reviewing the recent October 15th event, with Recca providing some analysis. Forty-six people attended, and alcohol was available, thanks to Katie covering the \$50 OLCC off-property license fee. The board will review developments of the season at the next board meeting.

Katie shared some ideas about possible support of a winter time music event at the campus. The range of ideas included having a multi-day program with stay over camping, possibly both indoor and outdoor. Perhaps as many as six bands could be involved, and fund raising and food service would all have to be planned for. The board agreed that it was too soon for the campus to be a viable venue, but perhaps mid to late January of next year might be a possibility. Marian and Katie will keep the idea before consideration as the winter progresses.

After the departure of the guests, the meeting returned to the agenda at 5:35 pm..

The meeting was chaired by Dick. A printed agenda was available. The 10/04/2016 minutes were approved as corrected (getting Ethan's name entered correctly). Marian provided a Balance sheet current to October 18, but because of the late hour, no time was spent in review.

Old Business:

A quick review of the proposed Halloween event at the campus showed willingness of auditorium users to accommodate themselves for set up in the stage ½ of the space for a haunted spook fest now scheduled for the evening of the 31st. Friday and Saturday of both weekends before Halloween are planned to be used for that purpose. A narrative by Barry Ford expressed some understandable frustration with the delay in planning the details of this event, since it was first brought before the board in July. He is planning a 'dance' in the balance of the auditorium that will follow upon the use in the other half. Chris Darr has been in contact with Matt and will help him with building access in moving the spooky part forward.

The two benches for placement in the lawn outside the main building entrance have been ordered and delivery is expected in four to five weeks.

As alluded to earlier in the meeting, the first Wet Season Music Series event went well enough.

The recent work day was a “good day”, but still with few volunteers.

Updated information on the proposed ceramic studio was covered earlier in the meeting during the presence of Stella and Ethan.

New Business:

Dave Buswell had circulated an October 14th email proposing a vision of how the campus might serve in the development of a community hub for the Innovate Willamina program. It was clear that he would like dedicated space, but the campus cannot accommodate that need at this time. The board will respond accordingly as more information is developed.

Marian will review the existing WVCC rental agreement documents and create a newer version. Language will be reviewed and adjusted by the board as time permits.

The premium for the campus insurance policy with Hagan Hamilton is due October 19; it was hoped that a different policy or carrier could be secured prior to renewal that would significantly change the nature of exclusions under the existing policy, but that did not get accomplished. The board will commit to existing coverage for the first quarter at least and continue efforts for an improved situation.

The board recognized that there is simply too much needing to be done with the campus structure(s) and setting priorities is almost hopeless. Insulation was mentioned as well as painting, but progress will be made as time, weather and finances permit.

Dick mentioned the idea of approaching Hampton Industries as a source of specialized labor for some campus projects; this will be an ongoing effort and progress will be reported as it develops.

The idea was briefly mentioned of use of the baseball athletic field in July as a possible venue of a flea market/swap meet associated with the local annual mud drags. This subject will be revisited as appropriate.

The discussion of a possible winter music event was reported on earlier in the minutes.

During General Comment, it was noted that no media presence covered the recent appearance of the sniffer dogs.

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Dennis Werth
Secretary