

WVCC Board Minutes

March 7, 2017 4:07 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis

Guest: Dina Sayers

The meeting was chaired by Dick, with Marian ill and Recca also unable to attend. A printed agenda was available. The 2/21//2017 minutes were approved as presented. Marian had available for the board the February Balance Sheet and a year-to-date Profit/Loss report. The latter showed that expenses exceeded income for the two month period by a two to one margin.

Old Business:

A general discussion of the March 4 Music Event showed results far exceeded all expectations; the efforts of many volunteers can be credited for that. Dina thought that there had been around 116 tickets sold, as well as some cash donations as well. Dick suggested that some kind of appreciation party sponsored by the campus would be in order, so that will be a subject of future planning. Thank you notes need to be sent as soon as we have a list of names who contributed so much time. He also noted that a \$250 event insurance payment was required, of which only \$40 was coverage of this event. The balance is of no benefit.

The new campus insurance policy inspection allowed about 30 days to get some conditions/issues in order, and we need to address that soon. The work day scheduled for March 18 will be an opportunity to take care of some of them. The policy exclusions continue to be an issue for WVCC, specifically that of prohibiting overnight camping. This will be an insurance problem again in planning for the August eclipse event.

The meeting on Monday, March 6 with the Willamina city planner was postponed for one week at the request of the planner. There were indications from Debbie Bernard of the City that the planner wished to first have some thought sharing with Laura of LCDC. This will be revisited as developments occur.

Dick recommended that WVCC welcome Little League use of the athletic field, but decline the idea of providing them storage space for equipment. Space for storage is becoming limited at the campus. It was also the general opinion of the board that it would be fair to enlist interest from their group in volunteer support of field maintenance needs; the outcome of this solicitation may well influence how the board can or will accommodate their wishes. There was nothing new to report in garden development by interested parties.

Discussion of a 2017 budget was tabled until more board members are present.

An update on eclipse planning included identifying persons having interest in helping with the planning, including Leah Cappps, Sarah Frost, Dina Sayers, April Wooden, Loree Havel, and perhaps others. To begin marketing overnight options at the campus, identifying the number of available RV spaces seemed to be a high priority, as well as formalizing activities that include food, music, and outside program offerings. There also remains the need to identify who all the players are in this event.

New Business:

The idea of a recycling center at the campus will 'slide off' the agenda at this time; general agreement was that kind of program would require full time staffing, and the campus does not have that capability. There were no additional comments about the siting of a food bank at WVCC at this meeting.

The WVCC board had earlier agreed via email conversation to waive the auditorium rental fee for Sarah Frost for her August 1 dance performance by the Hamel Dance Academy. This meeting only served to recognize that earlier decision.

Discussion on Trina and her spin cycle proposal was tabled until there are more developments.

Any discussion on the March newsletter was tabled due to Marian's absence. However, Dina raised the idea of adding a couple hundred more email addresses to the mailing list from their list of interested people. These would largely be folks from outside the area, and the idea was well received by the board.

Dick shared information about plans the Willamina School District is considering for the construction of a building that partial funding has already been secured. More grant funds are apparently being sought, and the question of the campus serving as a nonprofit pass-through entity to serve that purpose was advanced by the school district. The board agreed that from our understanding of the request, WVCC could not serve that role.

Charlyn reported that she had received inquiry about home schooler use of the art room, possibly one day a week. Dennis was interested in knowing whether their group would be open to including other home schoolers or others in whatever program they had in mind. Dick reminded the board that ages below 6 could not be permitted as regular users of campus space at this time.

There were considerable topics to be considered during General Comment.

Emily Trapani from the School District is interested in knowing if the campus costume collection might have something suitable for robes for her honor choir. Charlyn will coordinate with her in making that determination.

Dick reported that Debbie Bernard was inquiring whether or not the campus had space to permit the "drying" of city records. There was no knowledge by the board of the extent of moisture or the amount of material affected, so no action was taken. Dick is still focused on the use and availability of Thrivent Cards by members of the community who might consider their application being directed toward campus needs. This remains to be looked into. He noted that the Mud Drags are scheduled for the last Saturday in June, the 24th. He also had a meeting with a contractor representing Susan Richman's interest in heating and cooling of a potential Yoga room sited in the former science room. The man did a bunch of measuring and recording, but nothing has been heard back from him since.

The matter of the benches in the front lawn funded by the Hollingers was briefly discussed. In lieu of Bob's passing, it seemed advisable to contact Mary Jane to determine if she was still agreeable to pursuit of that sponsorship. The benches had been ordered some months ago, but nothing heard from since. Before checking that order or possibly reordering, it was agreed that Mary Jane should be consulted.

The gas line installation work by Hampton may be looking more likely in the next week or two. Dick was hoping to commit to having the campus largely prepped before their arrival, and that will likely require some volunteers to assist him.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 21.

Dennis Werth
Secretary