

WVCC Board Minutes

March 21, 2017 4:00 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis, Recca

The meeting was chaired by Dick; Marian's absence was due to traveling. A printed agenda was available. The 3/07//2017 minutes were approved as presented. Charlyn reported having received a second check from Katie for another \$4000 generated from the recent Old School Music event at the campus. Thank yous will be sent to the appropriate people when that volunteer list becomes available.

Old Business:

A quick review of the March 4 Old School Music Event made it clear there would be interest in making it an annual event. It will be considered by the board as required or when it appears on the calendar. The campus received over \$8000 for deposit, but there has not yet been a full accounting of minor expenses.

Charlyn shared an update on eclipse planning by the greater Willamina community, having attended a recent planning meeting in Rickreall. She is part of the local committee, and there likely will be considerable interlocking activity among the parties. It appears the August event could be developing locally much like 4th of July planning, with multiple players involved in different aspects all generally working toward a common purpose. Charlyn reserved two portable restrooms for WVCC, and some effort was made by the board to determine where their placement might be. Discussion also centered around defining the number of RV and tent spaces to advertise and what the respective charges would be. Dennis suggested it might be a good idea to market "lodging" to bicyclists as well, because there could be a sizable number of them in the area. The logistics of traffic, safety and other relevant services is going to require very high levels of cooperation; it will be daunting. Besides the lodging aspect, the board identified four principal areas requiring focus and/or resolution for the campus. Food, music, alcohol, and insurance. Updates and discussion will appear as an agenda item as spring and summer progress.

The zoning meeting with Debbie at City Hall and Lisa, the city planner, did not happen as expected. Dick, Dennis and Recca showed up, but not Lisa. Lisa and Laura, a state representative of LCDC, have not gotten together yet to apparently come up with a strategy of zone change or zone redefinition for the campus. Dennis briefly shared some details of his notes from the pseudo meeting with Debbie and Bob, the city manager, but oral statements of theirs are not binding of course and have little merit. The board will continue to encourage movement on the matter of rezoning as best we can.

The March newsletter was circulated earlier in the month.

There was little to report as updates for several inquiries earlier received by WVCC. Nothing more on the spin cycle query; no response to an emailed message to the home schoolers. And nothing new to report on Emily possibly being interested in trying to find something suitable for choir robes in the costume inventory. Dick did expand upon some details about the campus coming into compliance for insurance requirements. This included removing rubble and addressing battery backup in the EXIT signs throughout the campus. The inspector has concerns about the damage to the stadium as well.

Nothing is scheduled yet on gas line installation; preparation work remains to be done.

The work day on March 18 had very few volunteers show up, so accomplishments were understandably limited. It was observed that with all the expanded placement of carpet squares in the hallway, there is a requirement of a lot more vacuuming. Dick noted that vacuum cleaners are now stationed in 'zones', and some level of standardization is or soon will be in place for the machines.

New Business:

First Federal Savings & Loan recently emailed a list of nonprofit recipients in their March Customer eNewsletter based upon the ballot results of customer voting. WVCC received 37 votes, and consequently will receive a check for \$307. Charlyn noted that her practice of acknowledging such charitable monies is to send a thank you when the money is received. Dennis shared that he had personally thanked S & L staff in Sheridan a few days earlier after he had learned of the results.

In respect to a query from Christine Talley about WVCC leading the Music and Drama group in the absence of other leadership, Marian had reportedly responded to her that the WVCC board could not assume any responsibility in that area. The board agreed that the theater arts has a place at the campus, but that we are not equipped to personally make it happen. Dennis thought it might be appropriate to have a policy of keeping the stage/auditorium available to the school district as a venue if performances merited it and on a case-by-case basis.

Dick gave a brief report on the contractor inspection/bid for climate control in the science room as a possible relocated Yoga room. The room needs other unrelated repairs as well, but the \$\$\$ quoted were high enough that the board decided there was no cause for the campus to endorse. This was all initiated by Susan Richman, and any decisions will have to come from her.

Dick reported that a tenant in the Vo-Ag building had caused a recent complaint to the city about non-compliance with zoning by WVCC. He proposed terminating the occupancy of the tenant, but the board suggested he wait until he had a paper record of the complaint for reference purposes. This subject will be an agenda item at the next board meeting.

The board reviewed the language of the WVCC mission statement and discussed how it applied to some of the recent proposals of use of campus space. Board decisions can clearly be seen as subjective, but every effort needs to be made to follow a clear standard and to stick to it, regardless of community pressure. It was recognized that WVCC cannot be all things to all parties, but programs and activities that promote use and people traffic are valued.

In General Comment, Recca shared that she had a contact from a youthful community member expressing some interest in board membership. This will be considered as more information becomes available. Dennis expressed a wish to move forward on the auditorium piano 'alterations' to assure its security and movability. He will renew the contact with Bob Ledden, the piano man, and report back at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 4.

Dennis Werth
Secretary