

WVCC Board Minutes

October 17, 2017 4:07 pm

Present: Dick, Dennis, Recca, Marian

Guests: Kenna West, Jeri St Onge, Mary Jane Hollinger

The meeting was chaired by Dick. A printed agenda was available. The 10/3/2017 minutes were approved as presented. No new financial reports were shared. Dick noted that more campus roofing was arriving on Friday, but that it had already been billed and paid for.

Because of the presence of guests, the order of the agenda was altered to address both Old and New Business items before following the printed agenda.

Jeri spoke of her ideas and concerns about future WVCC food and alcohol handling at campus events. She also reviewed the Wet Season Music Series schedule and budget, noting that no group has been confirmed for the month of February. Currently, two of the six month's events are sponsored, which is greatly appreciated. Jeri also had a list of questions that the board was able to satisfactorily address. A point that she emphasized was the benefit of promoting the music series as a 'family friendly' activity; causing some adjustment to the nature of music being offered. She was seeking an OLCC license for all six events, and requested and was granted by the board a \$200 advance for budget expenses.

Kenna, the new Willamina City Manager, appeared before the board to describe and share ideas of how Willamina and WVCC might work together toward securing a grant that has the potential to encompass a variety of needs and benefits to the community, including a development code/zone change applicable to the campus. With the grant being under the authority of the Department of Transportation, she pointed out the idea of including a pedestrian walkway in the application spanning Willamina Creek and directly connecting the City to the campus as a source of 'points' or credits toward getting it awarded. Kenna needs a prepared overview/summary of WVCC programs and activities to make available to the persons making a November 15th visit to the area. Marian agreed to do that for her. This meeting will include representatives of ODOT, DLCD, both City and County government, and WVCC board members, as well as perhaps others. The board appreciated the sharing of Kenna's energy and enthusiasm.

Old Business:

Preparations for the Halloween/Haunted House in the upper building (primarily Science Room) are underway, but Matt has encountered a problem with some of the electrical outlets not having power to them. Some extension cords might be necessary, but have to be used both wisely and judiciously.

The linkage of the 4th of July Committee fundraising dinner and the campus Wet Season Music Series has been confirmed to be in January, not in November as earlier reported. Dennis asked for clarification on whether or not there was an agreement of 10% of the take being diverted to the campus for expenses and expected decreased monies in our donation jar. If no agreement had been made, then he thought WVCC should be listed as a sponsor on advertising fliers. Charlyn thought the agreement had been made, but could not confirm that it had been agreed upon.

Two of the Music Series offerings are being supported by non-WVCC sponsors. The campus has a \$1000 donation toward supporting the series as well.

In updating progress on campus improvements/repairs, Dick reported the gas line is ready for inspection this week. It has been a problem trying to find someone to do the duct work. Roof repair and replacement is on-going. The campus still needs a commitment from someone for doing the gutters. Recca, Dennis, and Charlyn, in some combination, will contact Hampton Industries about replacement roof joists for fixing the damaged stadium roof. The engineering report is completed and in hand. The joists are an odd length, so will likely require a custom cut.

New Business:

Kenna's appearance before the board was noted earlier in the minutes.

Marian shared information on results of the first of the monthly winter art classes. The teacher was Natalie Fletcher, and it was reported that most of the 12 persons that participated were local people. November 3 is the next class, and it will be watercolor painting.

January 2018 is when campus insurance is up for renewal or replacement, and board consensus was that the current policy has some serious coverage gaps for WVCC needs. It was agreed to give the current agent a chance to see if she can improve upon what we have. The current requirement to block off the grandstand to deny access seems unreasonable and unenforceable.

General discussion revisited the idea of campus promotion through an increased advertising budget. The development of a strategy will likely wait until after results are known in November from Kenna's grant request efforts.

Dick asked the board to keep thinking in terms of how the baseball field and the surrounding area might be best utilized in future development of the campus. Dennis observed that if Kenna was successful in her promotion of a pedestrian connection across Willamina Creek connecting the City and the campus, that location will likely create a need to reconsider and shift development focus along the whole east or 'back' side of the campus property. This will be revisited as needed.

The campus work day is Saturday, October 21, the same day as the first Wet Season Music event. Getting ready for that will be one of the primary jobs to do. Matt and his crew are expected to be working on the haunted house set up, and there is more gas line work to do. Marian will be absent.

In General Comment, the old Willamina High School reader board sign is likely available if the campus wants it. No decision was made; finding a location for it is part of the problem. The logger statue in town is also likely to need a new home, and the campus might be it. Dick would like to see more floor tile going down in more classrooms as scheduling permits. The board appreciated and approved the redesign that Mary Jane shared recognizing WVCC in Gallery Theater advertising.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm. The next board meeting is 4:00 pm Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

Dennis Werth
Secretary