

WVCC Board Minutes

August 22, 2017 4:05 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis, Marian, Recca joined at 4:50

Guest: Mary Jane Hollinger

The meeting was chaired by Dick. A printed agenda was available. The 8/08//2017 minutes were approved as presented. Marian shared a Profit/Loss Statement for the Eclipse event, showing a net income of nearly \$5000. Not all income and expenses are fully reported however. Charlyn reported that the \$500 volunteer grant award from First Federal Savings & Loan has not yet been received.

Old Business:

Board members and Mary Jane were unanimous in reporting favorable comments from campus guests and visitors during the eclipse event. The attendees were remarkably diligent in cleaning up after themselves, and other than having a shortage of volunteers throughout the event, the general impression is that the campus did the best that it could. RV parking was not as well defined as it could have been, and a couple of registrants misunderstood the application language, thereby needing a partial refund. The board shared some "next time" ideas that included having a 'headquarters', enforcing some rules more strictly (pets/dogs not allowed), and monitoring alcohol movement. Marian also noted that a volunteer list and hours of attending needs to be a priority. Dennis was asked about campus policy toward concealed weapon permit holders. The WVCC board will be fully prepared by the next total eclipse.

A brief general summary of work day accomplishments was shared. The work day was rescheduled for Friday, August 18 so as to not interfere with Saturday arrivals of eclipse attendees. Dick noted that the Wood Shop door has been rekeyed to a Master Key. Old gutters were removed from the storage building and general cleanup was accomplished in preparation for the eclipse event. The beginnings of a fire ring was constructed in the gravel roadway/parking area between the storage building and the auditorium.

The final grant writing class was attended by both Charlyn and Marian. Marian shared her intentions of assembling a spread sheet to define and target grant sources for WVCC to focus upon.

Harvest Festival planning is proceeding, but will get more attention now that the eclipse is behind us. Discussion did include signage placement, insurance requirements, and the role of the Boy Scouts and the Ford Family Foundation in supporting the event. Details will get more specific at the next board meeting.

Dick provided some updates on structural matters. The engineer may have enough design work done for the campus to move forward on a permit for fixing the stadium roof. It appears that 2 X 12s are going to have to be used to replace the old 2 X 10s. The idea of asking Hampton Industries for donation of the lumber was mentioned; they will likely require a custom cut but more should be known by the next board meeting. Nothing has been heard back from PGE since our last board meeting. No gutter bid has been solidified yet, and the insurance representative is still wanting the stadium fencing in place to limit access to it as well as a plan for the transformer configuration.

New Business:

Dennis and Charlyn gave a brief review of what they heard when they represented WVCC August 15 at a meeting at the campus with the acting Oregon director of the USDA. Dave Buswell had helped set up a community meeting with Jill Rees, who is both acting Director as well as Director of the Rural Development branch of the Oregon USDA. The informational meeting was an opportunity for a small rural community such as Willamina to learn what programs and associated funding are available for targeted needs. (The proposed campus kitchen was an obvious example of WVCC financial need.) Jill and another USDA attendee, Tim O'Connell, spoke with and listened to the meeting participants at some length. Tim and Jill both reinforced the idea that a feasibility study for a campus kitchen was an important first step for WVCC in securing financial support. The Ford Foundation member that was present hinted that money could be available for such a study.

Feedback on the new auditorium chairs has been quite positive. Board consensus was to get rid of the donated rolling chairs in any manner possible. The old oak chairs left by the school district will be kept and used in our own office settings.

The idea of linking a Wet Season Music event with a 4th of July fund raiser dinner will be tabled indefinitely or until someone directs attention to it.

In General Comment, Dick shared with the board some ideas of updating the campus security system. Keyless entry and other options are all ideas to be considered. Dick will investigate this subject and report back to the board. Nothing has been done about acquiring any canopies yet. A clear sense of relief is shared by all that the eclipse is behind us.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm. The next board meeting is 4:00 pm Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Dennis Werth
Secretary