

WVCC Board Minutes

September 5, 2017 4:05 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis, Recca, Marian

Guests: Mary Jane Hollinger, Shannon, Jeri St Onge, Dennis Ulrich

The meeting was chaired by Dick. A printed agenda was available. The 8/22//2017 minutes were approved as presented. No financial updates were available. Charlyn reported that the \$500 volunteer grant award from First Federal Savings & Loan has been received and a Thank You sent. Dick shared that he has been spending significant money (\$4000 +/-) on materials for campus projects, including labor, rock, rebar, concrete, etc.

Old Business:

No updated dollar numbers were available on the eclipse event, and little time was spent in more review of the occasion. Marian got the eclipse banner remaining here at the campus hung in the hallway.

Discussion covered a few more details of the planning behind the upcoming Harvest Festival. We have one more board meeting prior to the event. The City has given approval for downtown advertising signs. We are still looking for two different music offerings during the afternoon being held outside. This will continue to be an agenda item at the next board meeting.

Most of the outdoor campus repair/improvement projects are still in transition, and will be reported on as more approach completion. The indoor gas line installation is progressing overhead above the rooms and hallways, but still has considerable distance to go.

As noted above, the \$500 for Volunteer Hours credit has been received from 1st Federal Savings & Loan, and some discussion about possible use of the funds was begun. Nothing was decided, and the subject will be revisited as time permits.

New Business:

Marian shared a draft of the September newsletter and the board offered some feedback and editorial comment. It will be circulated in the near future.

Marian reminded the board of her intentions to start "Open Friday Afternoons" at the campus on Friday, September 15. The board will review the outcome of this at the next board meeting. The idea behind this is to take advantage of her working Friday mornings in her campus office to allow volunteers to contribute Friday afternoon hours doing less expansive tasks than on a campus Work Day.

A tentative date of February 24, 2018 has been assigned for the next Old School Music Festival at the campus. Katie and Diana are expected to be major contributors in the organization of this event.

Dennis Ulrich reviewed for the board the history and his vision and planning for the garden space at the north end of the campus. There was considerable discussion before several of the board members

became aware that Kiwanis was the founding supporter of the garden project. Board members were interested in promoting and expanding garden activity, but after this new understanding, it remained unclear how to “market” it. Is this a Kiwanis project at WVCC? And how does WVCC structure its involvement? No answers were settled upon, and Dennis shared that he would be in attendance at the garden during the Harvest Festival to answer questions and share ideas with folks. The board will review public response at the Festival and revisit this subject at a future board meeting.

The upcoming work day at the campus on September 16 promises to be a busy one. Dick updated the board that a Mormon church crew of approximately 30 people was expected to be attending and would be directed toward cleaning out storage space underneath the stadium. Both Charlyn and Recca announced that they would not be attending.

The City has a new City Manager that recently happened to be at the campus with Dave Buswell and she had a brief introduction to the facility and some interaction with Dick. She appeared to show support for revisiting the campus zone change and enlisting WVCC in a greater City-wide planning process. The board agreed to cooperate with the City to the degree that our interests are shared. This will appear as an agenda item as developments occur.

Moving the modular from its current position on the back side of the building near the proposed kitchen remains a priority. Finding a purpose for it as well as a location is a significant hurdle. This too will be updated as time progresses.

Marian shared with the board there is a lady with interest in offering a winter dance class at the campus. The limitation of prolonged/repeated exposure to lead based paint remains a problem for children under 6. This interest will be revisited as more is known to the board.

Discussion of the Wet Season budget was tabled.

Jeri St Onge and the board spent considerable time discussing and reviewing the recent food and alcohol handling at recent campus events. Her emphasis was on the importance of following health and safety standards to be legal and avoid any problems from an inspection. Steps that can be taken were discussed and recognized that will improve the situation. It was freely acknowledged that WVCC is trying to do too much with too little help at least part of the time. This is not acceptable. There are clear rules that have to be followed. Somehow, the board has to find and organize enough volunteers to be compliant.

The campus buildings continue to experience vandalism, including the breaking of an outside door window at the north end of the hallway.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm. The next board meeting is 4:00 pm Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

Dennis Werth
Secretary