

WVCC Board Minutes

May 19, 2020 4:07 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis, Recca, Marian, Pamela, Cris

The meeting was chaired by Dick. A printed agenda was available. The 3/03/2020 minutes were approved as presented. (The March 17 and subsequent meetings never happened and therefore the 3/03 minutes had not been approved. The emailed “remote” discussion summaries of March 31, April 14 and 28, and May 12 were recognized as WVCC Board records for the past two months, as well as Marian’s financial records prepared for April 14.)

The meeting was held in the auditorium with appropriate distancing and precautions by the Board members due to on-going COVID-19 virus concerns.

Marian shared a P/L statement by month for January-April, as well as a 2019/2020 comparison for the first four months with per cent change. She also prepared a Cash Flow record for the first quarter and a Balance Sheet as of the end of April. Because of the curtailment of all campus activities, program income understandably declined and the net cash loss for the period exceeded \$16,000. With the expenses of campus improvements and the expected continuing loss of revenue, this financial pattern is not expected to substantially change in the near future.

Dick introduced the idea and discussion of ‘relocating’ some of the campus cash on hand into some kind of interest-bearing account(s). Cris will report back to the Board with some possibilities.

Business:

The interior ramp installation has progressed, but has moved slowly. The student lockers along the library wall are removed and are now available for disposal by some means. Dick thinks the pace will pick up now that preliminary work has been largely done. Natalie did get the wall mural painting completed in the Band Room, and it is remarkable and pleasing to see.

Marian reported that 6 of the 16 security cameras ordered have been installed, but they require some adjusting to accurately target and record what is intended. These cameras are currently motion activated. One or more cable splitters is necessary for more installation. Pamela has some factory signs indicating camera surveillance; Dennis indicated he thought it advisable to have security and privacy notification broadly posted. There was lengthy discussion about who would have access to the camera recordings. Dick raised the possibility that someone(s) like Tom Coblentz could be involved, with Dennis in agreement. The balance of the Board, with a 5-2 vote, felt access should be only to Board members. Marian is presently the only one with access on her phone; it is turned off at night. Discussion also expanded into how and who would alert authorities to criminal behavior, with no clear resolution as to how that might be accomplished. With no expansive monitoring policy, it is unknown how much benefit we will get if criminal actions are not reported in progress.

The logger statue has reportedly been moved to the Roy Zimbrick family home. Speculation is that delay in efforts to get it moved to the campus during the shut-down contributed to this happening. Dennis will speak with Joyce at a later date to see if she is okay with all this.

Marian prepared a draft of a “Reopen” policy for campus activities. She will review it one more time and circulate it for Board approval before sending it out to instructors and activity participants. In general terms, outside or auditorium activities are going to be easier to manage than ones in classrooms. Appropriate steps will have to be taken, and self-policing will be important.

The idea of an Annual Meeting date was briefly discussed. June 16 is a tentative date.

Acts of vandalism at the campus were reviewed and discussed. Extensive window breaking and mayhem have occurred in both the Home Ec room area and in a basement locker room. A fire destroyed steps at the bleachers, likely from smoker’s carelessness. If the security cameras can record and identify the culprits, charges can and will be filed. Discussion also noted the need to remove and clean up broken window glass, with agreement that windows should be boarded up with plywood in campus areas where there is no immediate community use intended. Ideas were shared on volunteers or people to hire who might be able to help with these tasks. Lou Younger and his church members were mentioned, as well as Recca’s family connections.

The campus employment situation was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that presently, it is not reasonable that Karyn can be reemployed. Marian will formally let her know what she likely already knows. The campus need is greatest in having a handy-man available, either on retainer or contract. Pamela moved and Recca seconded a motion that the campus pursue this goal with a job description that can be circulated. The motion passed unanimously.

The campus garden situation was also reviewed and discussed. Without fencing in place, volunteer enthusiasm has waned. The garden grant work done by the Portland students did not really result in anything of benefit to the campus; it turned out to be largely a misunderstanding of what the exercise was supposed to accomplish. The hoped-for grant from 1st Federal S & L that was hoped to pick up some of the garden costs did not come through, but the campus was encouraged by them to reapply in June. Some planting is being done in the raised planters; perhaps more people will have interest as virus restrictions ease. Marian shared that Natalie Fletcher is painting some garden signs.

Marian shared that she is typically giving out weekly 50-60 Free Friday Activity Kits at the campus, with folks coming by and picking them up at an outside table by the front entrance. Some supplies and ideas are being donated, but this has largely been a community service being performed by Marian. It is hoped that some of the former campus activities can be restarted soon.

Brief comments were made about the future of campus rezoning and City involvement. The Leonard Rydell material will be reviewed and ‘repackaged’ into something to give the City telling them what we have to have.

In General Comment., Recca noted how pleased she was to see everyone and that we were all still alive. There was unanimous agreement with her. Dick shared his notion that a 4th of July parade was in the works; members pretty much told him that can’t be right. If there is one, it will be illegal. We shall see. Events on the 4th like the logging show and fireworks are likely not happening.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next board meeting is 4:00 pm Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

Dennis R Werth
Secretary