

WVCC Board Minutes

September 15, 2020 4:00 pm

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

The meeting was chaired by Marian. A printed agenda was available. The 8/25/2020 minutes were approved as presented. Marian shared a month-to-date Profit/Loss Statement for September. The campus is operating with a modest loss this month; Marian noted that not much stuff is selling now.

Old Business:

Marian reported that Online NW is now expanded into other parts of the campus, including the Auditorium, Room 9, and the Band Room. Service might be expected at points in the hallway and the Quilter's Room. The Brains are in the Security/Camera Room. The office is not measured for flooring yet. The ramp has been primed. Discussion of the ramp floor surface focused on carpeting as a viable option, particularly if donated remnants or some other suitable means could be available. There has been no word yet from Paul about breezeway repair requirements. Clyde has yet to pick up the wall frames for the Auditorium tables and benches. George has made some racks for record displays in the Band Room.

There remains an interest in limited Zumba use of the Auditorium. Discussion by the Board concluded that opening for that use would suggest opening for other uses that might not be monitored closely in relation to virus considerations. The Board concurred with Pamela to delay activity use for another month to assess the situation. Cris shared that George can make a library box for the Little Free Library to be placed somewhere near the garden end of the campus property. Marian shared that Friday Art offering was cancelled because of the smoke, but might resume this coming Friday using left over supplies.

The recent meeting with the City Planning Commission work committee was reviewed. Opinion was that the new City planner, Holly Byram from the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, was a refreshing addition to working toward a positive outcome. Draft language for a new C-3 zone that was crafted for the campus property (a mixed use commercial zone) was discussed and modified extensively at the meeting. The Planning Commission in its entirety will hold a public hearing to consider the C-3 zone on September 24; WVCC will represent ourselves and hopefully have some advocates to support us as well if necessary.

There continues to be limited vandalism around the margins of the campus; a bucket of garbage was dumped and the outdoor toilet had been tipped over. Things look like they are slowly progressing working with the County Juvenile Department and the District Attorney in the earlier cases, thanks to finally getting some attention and help from the latest Deputy referred to us.

Because of Greg's recovery from a recent illness, his help with cabinetry repairs in the rental house is on hold and will not resume at the present time.

Pamela shared a hand out she had prepared listing an October 2019 "Wish List" of goals and projects for WVCC to act upon. The Board appreciated the opportunity to review the list and to recognize what has been accomplished since that time. Some of our "successes" are significant.

New Business:

There was discussion of the on-going problem with vagrants using the enclosed dugout as a homeless shelter and how we might address the situation. Occupancy has been intermittent, but it is a mess. We will try to clean it up and secure it at our up-coming work day. Cris said she would acquire some hasps to see what we can do with them.

Our next Work Day will be September 19; Marian will send out an email list of tasks to work on. It is unknown if anyone will show up other than our board members.

In General Comment, Dennis shared that he had a private conversation with City Council member Bob Burr regarding historic campus water usage and water rights (lack of) at the recent Planning Commission work session. Bob brought the topic up and seemed interested in the needs of the campus; the tone of the conversation suggested to Dennis that there might be some areas for future exploration in the issue of finding a grounds water source for WVCC. Dennis shared with Bob that, at present, the community garden was the primary area of watering that could be viewed as critical.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm. The next board meeting is 4:00 pm Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

Dennis R Werth
Secretary