

Greater Hansville Community Center

Minutes of February 4, 2015 Board Meeting

Present: : Connie Gordon, Chris Brinton, Lindsey Vallance, Judy Tallman, Lynn Hix, Don Lynch, Chuck Strahm, Lois Lee, Ed Gronseth, Paul Warner and Carolyn Barry

Guests: Fred Nelson, Jo Nelson, and George Briese

Minutes: Were approved as submitted for the January Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lindsey gave the report which included:

- a. Approval to do up to \$500 in matching contributions for the Native Plant Garden and Little Boston Library.
- b. Changes in how the balance sheet and budget have been modified from previous reports and the reasons behind such changes.
- c. The treasurer's report and 2015 Budget.
- d. Reports were approved as presented.

Reports:

January Events: Judy Tallman reported on:

- a. Neighbors Lunch on January 21st, 64 attended and well received. The program was by a representative from the Marine Science Center. This was followed by a computer class for Community Center Members taught by Art Ellison. It was an excellent program and Art will do additional sessions following future Neighbors Lunch. Attendees gave Art suggestions for future topics.
- b. Pinewood Derby Workshop was held with 12 children attending. The derby will be held next weekend and Chuck Strahm asked for additional volunteers to help. Judy Tallman, Lois Lee, Connie Gordon and Don Lynch volunteered their time.
- c. Football Tailgate Party, Chuck Strahm reported that the football gatherings at the Center were well received for the playoff games and Superbowl, with between 25-30 people attending. Everyone brought food and enjoyed the afternoon.

Upcoming Events: Judy Tallman reported on:

- a. Tuesday Talks: This is a new activity for the Community Center and one Tuesday evening a month a different program will be offered for free to the community. The programs scheduled far are: February 17, Paul Bryans on the Art of the Comic Strip; March 24, Barbershop singing; April 21, Ron Bloom on Geology; and May 19, Yoga.

- b. Soup Night, Chuck Strahm discussed the event which will be February 28 and will be an opportunity for the community to meet the Board members. Soup, salad and bread will be on the menu. Chuck, Connie, Chris and Lindsey will bring soup.
- c. St. Patrick's Dinner will be March 14, with the same menu as last year. Chuck reported the liquor license has been obtained and Sound Brewing will be providing beer for the dinner.
- d. Neighbors Lunch is February 18, and will be followed by another computer class by Art Ellison.
- e. Note cards: Judy Tallman has ordered custom note cards with the Community Center logo for use by the Board.
- f. Wine Social date has been determined and it is November 14.

Coaster Games: Chuck Strahm announced that there is a new proposition that has been made for the event. Kingston Fourth of July has proposed incorporating the event into their annual celebration on July 4th. This will allow for more participation and a better venue for the physical layout of the games. Details are yet to be finalized but the suggestion was well received.

Scholarship: Don Lynch and the committee have met and plans are in place for this year's scholarships.

Landscaping: Don Lynch has ordered new ground cover plants and installation will be scheduled in the future. At that time volunteers will be needed to help with the planting. The general focus for the grounds is to fill out the West side of the building. There are two remaining vent protectors yet to be installed and then that project will be completed.

Website: Don Lynch said all is going well and routine maintenance and updating are being handled.

Membership: Carolyn Barry reported there are currently 129 renewing members and 10 new members. There are a number of applications yet to be processed. It was felt that placing the renewal form on the front page of the Log has worked well.

Endowment: Lois Lee and committee have met to create evaluation forms for the RFP responses. Eight RFPs were sent out and 3 responses were received. The committee has reviewed the responses and selected two firms for interviews that will be scheduled in the near future. The committee meets again on the 6th to formulate questions for the finalists. It is anticipated the firm selected by the committee will be presented to the Board for final approval at the March meeting. An invitation has been received to attend the Annual Not for Profit Workshop on March 25, at Seattle University.

Rental: Same as last year. Board members were reminded to schedule any meetings with Robin in advance.

Maintenance: George Briese reported he has a bid for \$360-375 for rekeying the locks, he was directed to have this done. There will be new procedures for key distribution and use. Chuck Strahm noted there were several minor exterior painting projects needed and they will be done as the weather improves. There is also new shelving in the storage shed.

Norwegian Point Park: Fred Nelson reviewed the current activities at the park. The big rocks have been removed and new fencing will be installed in the next 2 weeks. Tables will go out in March. There are plans for demolition of the old restaurant building in the near future and permits are currently being obtained. There is a work crew scheduled for February to remove vegetation near the beach. There was a discussion of the condition of the boat house roof. The roof has significant leaks and has been patched as much as possible. The building needs a new roof for a permanent fix. It was decided not to spend any money to repair it as the building does not belong to the GHCC and there is no official lease on the building. Connie Gordon will contact the County and explore the idea of a long term lease on the building before any further discussion on roof repair. Current insurance coverage for our use of the building was discussed, no action at this time.

Valentine Brunch: Paul Warner reported that the Coffee Klatch group has decided not to continue the annual event. Based on this action, a motion was passed not to participate in the event.

Rummage Sale Drop Off: Lynn Hix said there was large participation in the last drop off with many volunteers. The next drop off will be March 14. Paul Warner will be the Department head for Rummage Sale Pick-Ups. Ed volunteered to help with the pick-ups.

New Business

Log: Connie reported on the current process required to produce the monthly publication. It is a large job requiring a number of people. They are exploring the option of changing the software to make the process easier. We also need a new proofreader as our current volunteer is retiring from the job. Judy and Connie may have someone who could take on this task. The editor is also asking for assistance as the job is very time consuming. Ed suggested we contact Olympic College and/or the High Schools to see if there is an opportunity to use an intern for this position.

Neighbors Lunch price increase: Whit at Hansgrill is raising the cost per person from \$5.00 to \$6.00 to provide meals for the lunch. After discussion the motion was passed to keep the lunch prices to attendees at \$6.00 for 2015 and to have a written agreement with Hansgrill that the lunches they provide would include dessert and paper goods for the new \$6.00 cost/person. Keeping the price the same to participants will be reviewed in the future.

Signs: Connie discussed the costs of having signs made and who makes them. When new signs are needed, Fred Nelson needs 3 weeks advance notice. Chuck will explore new vendors.

Next Board meeting is March 4, 2015

Meeting was adjourned.