**OLESS Meeting Minutes**

(**O**ld **L**yle **E**lementary **S**chool **S**upporters)

**July 6, 2015**

**Attendees:** Barbara Sexton, Cindy Bluemel, Ralf Bluemel, Norm White, Vern Harpole, Marcia Buser, Laurece Bonham, Mildred Lykens, Julie Larson

**Mission:        Working together to preserve and maintain the Old Lyle Elementary School building and park as an activity center and green space to improve the quality of life for the Lyle community.**

Minutes from June meeting accepted as amended by Cindy to move budget allotment.

1. **Introductions / Guests**

No guests.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

Spent money on sprinkler repair and maintenance and sprinkler supplies. Cleaning person appears to be working. Yard maintenance - Zach has been mowing, and taking garbage out.

Income for June: $710.94. Spent $2180.95.

Committee on rental rates did not meet.

1. **Upcoming Rentals and Events**

Current events:

* Top Gear class ends July 26.
* Exercise class on-going and contributed small donations.
* Bookmobile & cooking class - Debbie needs money for food. Marcia will donate $100 to OLESS to donate.
* Two CEKC meetings coming up and Karen has a PEO meeting July 14.
* Doggie play group - conflict with kickball group date. But just one day. Doggie group has been going to river during hot weather anyway so may not be an issue.

Future events:

* Kickball league July 14. Cindy passed out sign up sheet for volunteer positions needed for the event.
* Homesteading Fair in jeopardy of not happening however no one on OLESS board has the time to get involved in planning other than small specific tasks. We believe it is a great event for the community and hope it will continue.

Strategic Planning:

* Host building professionals to get estimates and bids. Breakfast meeting likely. Need to finish Riverside Room... windows, other building issues. Planned for Wednesday, October 14.

Fundraising

* Gina McCabe suggested that we apply to get grants. Need more information.
* Fall fundraiser: Cindy suggested a silent auction. Have Lyle Hotel cater dinner. $50 for dinner limited to 50 by invitation? Have a donated collection of good wine and spirits to raffle? Vern will head up the fundraising committee. Event planned for Saturday, November 15.
* Klickitat Trail Half Marathon - we get $1000-$2000. Vern promoting it to be the Cor Half Marathon as they contribute so much to making it happen. This is a premier event for us to support. Scheduled for November 7.
* Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for November 6 & 7.
* Chocolate Fest committee will meet in August to start planning for February 6 event. Cindy is going to order a mold for the "Lyle Log." Rubber mold in earwig shape?
1. **Building issues**

Glass committee report: worked on window in Nurses' Office - know how to get it out - need to order a window made in the frame. Can't leave current metal frame as planned - need to buy a vinyl framed window. Will need about $1000 for window - wait until we get firm information.

Security camera - Gloria has not heard back. Note: there has been continued vandalism in the greenspace - one of the security lights is broken as well as metal electrical covers in pavilion.

Oren said he would return door but needs help getting it here. Vern and Norm will get.

Gloria contacted painter. He is not available until fall and we don't have money anyway at this point.

WiFi had gotten unplugged. We have a mounting for it - need to mount it up high. Ralf will mount it so it is more protected.

1. **Greenspace**

Matthew's tree is looking good - getting watered regularly.

Water restriction - Norm will set sprinkler to every other day to comply with PUD. Will also contact PUD to ask about hours since the areas are on a rotation that cannot fit into the current restricted hours.

Vern will donate money for white spray paint for Zach to paint the bollards in the field.

Gloria reported that she has not gotten information back on fence.

We came up with a list for the yard maintenance chores to give to Zach:

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| **Greenspace Maintenance Chores:**Start on south & west sides and building and work towards east end - do play ground and pavilion every week as top priority. Weed eat: * Around pavilion
* Playground
* Against building
* Under bench
* Fence along highway on both sides
* Ball diamond
* Around concrete posts

Mow along highwayMow or weed eat the bank |

**Next General Meeting Scheduled**:

August 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Lyle Activity Center

Note: Do pot luck for September 7 meeting @ 6:00 PM since it is Labor Day