**OLESS Board Meeting Minutes**

(Old Lyle Elementary School Supporters)

Mission Statement: Working together to preserve and maintain the Old Lyle Elementary School Building and Park as an activity center and green space and to improve the quality of life for the Lyle Community.

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March 14, 2016 6:00 PM

Facilitator: Marcia Buser Note Taker: Cindy Bluemel

Attendees: Barb Sexton Marc Harvey

Don Starkin Mildred Lykens

Sherri Starkin Andrew Kelly

Laurece Bonham Doug Kennutt (visitor)

Ralf Bluemel Vern Harpole

Marcia acknowledged the recent passing of Colleen Hatfield and her contributions to OLESS.

Report from School District:

Andy presented information about the technology levy that the district is running in May. Part of the levy proposal is to update the park adjacent to the LAC. All the swing seats were replaced after the playground clean up day. Mike Murphy is the grounds keeper and will be in charge of mowing the park lawn.

Treasurer’s Report:

Income for February was $2083.13. Expenses were $2078.14. Most of that was contract labor to get the Nurses’s room and the Principal’s room ready to rent.

Since the amount that had been budgeted for Contract Labor was $1000 and the amount that had already been paid for that purpose was $300.00 over that amount Vern made a motion that $500 be moved from the Repair and Maintenance budget to the Contract Labor Budget to allow Jen W. to complete the work. The motion passed.

Vern made another motion to give the Lyle School District $500.00 to cover the cost of the Swing Seats. That motion passed.

Don Starkin reported a positive review of the OLESS financial books based on the audit he just completed. He had one suggestion for the board. After an event he suggested that the organizer of the event prepare a report to the board about the financial gains and losses of the event. The board accepted his suggestion.

Marcia reported that OLESS can apply for a Home Depot grant. She wanted suggestions of items that OLESS might need that Home Depot sells as the grant is actually a gift card. The maximum amount is $1000. Some discussion took place.

Buildings and Grounds:

Vern reported that MAPARD has requested to use the physical address for the LAC as their address for their records. The board agreed to the request.

Vern reported on the progress that has been made in the Nurse’s Room and the Principal’s office. They will be ready to rent by the end of March.

Sherri reported that she spoke with Ginger Swanson about commercial rental rates. She suggested $300. per month for the principal’s office and $150. a month for the Nurses’s office.

Marcia reported that she has been contacted by the Klickitat Trails Conservancy about renting a space. Also Rita Pinchot from KLASAC has also requested a rental space. After some discussion it was decided to accept Rita’s offer. The offer will be included in the paper minutes. She has proposed to move into the Principal’s office on April 1. It was decided to have Marcia offer the KTC group the nurses’s office.

At this time Vern suggested that the board do a field trip to the Riverside room where he had installed one light fixture which he had purchased from IKEA. The board liked the fixture and approved Vern installing the rest of them. The cost for all 9 lights will be $314.82.

Barb and Cindy presented bids for the sign for the south side of the building. Even though Barb’s sign was 3 times more expensive than Cindy’s bid the board voted for Barb’s sign. However Barb reported that she had received a $500.00 donation from the McCormicks and she proposed that money to cover the cost of the sign. The motion passed.

The phone situation was discussed. Apparently the magic jack plan expired and the number was reassigned. The board decided to not continue with the magic jack number any longer. Barb and Cindy have their numbers on the website. Barb will take down the banner on the fence.

Events:

There is a wedding scheduled in the building in April.

The Wines in Lyle Dinner that was tentatively planned for June is not going to happen.

The social media class is scheduled for April 19 at 6:00. Coffee, tea and light refreshments. James Chapman will be teaching and helping to promote the class.

Barb reported that Horizons is now 10 years old and there will be celebration in September.

Dana Peck from the Goldendale Chamber has offered help in promoting events through a grant that their chamber acquired. Barb suggested he come to a meeting to share info.

Juliette Poullion would like hand over the ‘What’s Happening in Lyle” email newsletter to someone else.

The next meeting will be April 12th.

Action Items:

Marcia will write a Thank you note to Matthew Petty’s mom about the swing seats and playground.

Marcia will send out an email asking for Home Depot purchase suggestions.

Marcia will offer KTC the Nurses’s room. Barb will contact Rita about the Principal’s office.

Ralf will plaster the window in the Nurses’s office.

Barb will engage the graphic designers to make the sign.

Barb will take the banner off the fence.

Barb will invite Dana Peck to come to a board meeting to present marketing information.