**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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April 11, 2016 6:00 PM

Facilitator: Marcia Buser Note Taker: Cindy Bluemel

Attendees: Barb Sexton Marc Harvey

Norm White Julie Larson

Sherri Starkin Ralf Bluemel

Laurece Bonham Adrian Bradford

Visitors: Dana Peck (Goldendale Chamber)

Nicole Lundin (nicole@twomaountainmarketing.com)

Sara Russell (Lyle School District Principal)

Dana and Nicole shared information about the Google grant for advertising they got and how they can share it. They have access to $10,000 per month of google ads. They offered to build a “landing page” for the Lyle Activity Center on the Goldendale Chamber website. There could be information on this page similar to a website, events and general information. They are planning a county-wide meeting in May to share this information. They also offered an email marketing training class to the board.

Treasurer’s report:

Income for March was $977.00 through rentals and a $400. Donation from Jeanette Petty. Expenses were $3,728.26. About half of that was work done on the two offices. The balance in the account is $3,182.58.

Barb reported that there is a credit on the water bill at this time.

Building Rentals

Rita Pinchot has rented the principal’s office for $200.00 a month. There was discussion about getting wifi to her office and also blinds. Ralf offered to work on the wifi problem. Barb will contact Rita to pick out some blinds but OLESS will purchase them.

The Klickitat Trail Conservancy group looked at the nurse’s room. They will decide at their next meeting. Norm offered to install a better lock on that door.

Green Space:

Barb had a sample of the letters for the sign. An additional coat of paint on the south end of the building was discussed. Marcia offered to ask Jen Wykstra if she could paint it.

Norm shared his concerns about the green space. (Mowing schedule, weeds in bark dust, fence tipping). Sarah Russell offered to find out what the new grounds keeper’s (Mike Murphy) plan would be. Also in this request was to find out about getting the picnic tables sealed that were sanded on the clean up day in February. Norm put up the tetherball and the volleyball net and noticed that both are getting used.

Upcoming Events:

April 17th the bicycle club will be coming for a rest stop and want use of the bathrooms. Cindy, Ralf and Laurece volunteered to help out. The club’s leader, Jake, promised a donation.

April 19th is the Digital Media Marketing Class. Cindy will open the building and provide some refreshments. 6:00PM to about 7:30PM

September 10th will be a celebration at the LAC for the Horizons group. OLESS will probably have a table at that event.

November 8th is the date for the Klickitat Trail half marathon. Volunteers and raffle items are needed. Laurece pointed out that this is the same weekend as the Christmas Bazaar.

Update:

Marcia shared with the group the news that the legislature approved our request for funds to remodel the building. The amount that was allocated was $270,000. Adrian shared information with the group about the process might work going forward. OLESS is waiting for the contract from the state to begin with a strategy meeting. Marcia offered to send a thank you letter to Gina McCabe, our state representative, for her work on our behalf.

Next meeting will be May 9th at 6:00 PM. Julie will facilitate.

Action items:

Ralf will work on getting wifi to the principals office.

Barb will contact Rita to have her shop for blinds for the office.

Norm will get a better lock on the nurse’s room door.

Sarah Russell will find out from the school district about the weeds in the bark chips, the

mowing schedule for the area near the highway, and sealing the tables.

Adrien will help Norm monitor the water before lawn watering begins to assess leakage.

Marcia will ask Jen to paint the end of the building and write a thank-you note to Gina McCabe.

Additional Updates:

After the meeting Sarah found out that Mike had sealed the tables already and he is working on the weeds. He is trying to set up a time to work with Norm on the fence.

Marcia got concerned about the security that we could offer for the nurse’s office during construction and with an email vote of the majority of the board decided to cancel out rental offer to the KTC group.