

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.

February 2nd, 2015 6:00 PM

Facilitator: Vern Harpole	Note Taker: Cindy Bluemel
Attendees: Marcia Buser	
Barb Sexton	Julie Larson
Norm White	Mildred Lykens
Laurece Bonam	Norm White
Rene' Weiler	Sherri Starkin

Treasurer's Report:

Barb presented the budget for 2015. This new budget reflects less income and expenses for 2015 at \$14,022.00. Budget is included in hard copy of the minutes.

The Klickitat Trail Fundraiser money has not arrived yet but the amount has been adjusted up by the organizers. The final tally is \$1,862.95.

Barb checked with Umpqua bank about the checking account and the signature cards for the account are for Barb and Laurie Hull. Marcia made a motion that we approach the bank about removing Laurie's signature and replace it with Marcia's. The motion passed.

Rentals:

Organizers of an event called Water Jam contacted Barb about their 2-day event in June. The board set the rent as \$250.00 each day but would be willing to drop it to \$200. each day since it is for children. Barb will report back if they accept and book the LAC.

A homeschool group from Underwood is interested in renting the center one day a week during the school year, mostly to use the playground but also a classroom if there is poor weather. The board set the rent at \$30.00 a week but also would be willing to negotiate if need be.

Barb was contacted by the bicycle club that used the pavilion last year. They want to schedule Sunday, April 12th with volunteers and they will provide a donation. Vern volunteered to cover the event.

The Wine Growers Association will be renting the building on February 17th for a meeting.

Barb informed the board that she will be unable to complete her duties as treasurer and building scheduler as she will be having knee surgery at the end of March. Laurece will fill in for her.

Building Maintenance:

Sheila, our current building cleaner, was able to work earlier in the day but that will be her last day due to health reasons. Her daughter will take over for her in the interim.

Julie Larson suggested to the board that she conduct a search at the high school for students who might be interested in a part time job in yard maintenance for the green space. The job will consist of approximately 15 hours a month. The expectation is that the students will come before the board for an interview before being hired.

The board also discussed using a professional landscaper occasionally. One potential was Miguel Garcia. He usually charges \$25.00 per hour.

Events:

The upcoming Chocolate Festival was discussed. Last minute details were ironed out.

The date set for Matthew Petty's Memorial is March 14th at 1:00PM. The pastor for the church Matthew attended will conduct the ceremony. The board discussed and made assignments for refreshments to be served following the event. Barb will bring Coffee and Tea. Norm and Gloria will bring punch. Sherri volunteered for baked goods.

Building Issues:

Vern reported that Penny, from Snowden, has the very light fixtures that were removed from the building. Vern is going to contact her about getting them back to be used in the Riverside Room.

It was reported that a potential person has come forward who might want the glass that was purchased for the building windows but never used. Laurece said she would follow up on this.

Mark from Big River Electric has been working on installing the panel and the lights for the grant. However a new problem arose. With the recent rains there is standing water in the boiler room and Mark, in a safety effort used a sump pump, so he wasn't working on the electrical panel while standing in water.

Norm recently spoke to a police officer about the park sign and he asked if OLESS wants to enforce the same rule that is applied to most county parks, "no access after 10:00PM." The board is continuing their work on getting the sign to attach to the fence which will state the intention of OLESS.

Vern reported that he will fill out the lingering paperwork for the building inspector and that should solve the occupancy question.

New Business:

Vern had a productive conversation with the new superintendent, Bryan Carter. The meeting ended with Mr. Carter focused on talking to the school board about taking a bigger role in the operation of the building and being more involved with OLESS.

Rene' shared information about the recent game night that the Ba Hai' group hosted. The event was organized by the 11-14 year olds.

More ideas were discussed about building usage and community building including a children's play. More names were discussed as potential members of the board.

The next meeting will be on March 2nd at 6:00 PM. The facilitator will be Norm. Sherri will be the facilitator for the April 6th meeting.

