**OLESS Meeting Minutes**

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

**September 14, 2015**

**Attendees:** Barbara Sexton, Cindy Bluemel, Norm White, Vern Harpole, Sherry Starkin, Marcia Buser, Laurece Bonham, Julie Larson (facilitator)

**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.**

* Barbara reported: New $756.15 water bill. Used 200,000 gallons in July. Mathew Petty's mother, Janette Petty, donated $500 towards fixing the playground swings and replacing the bark dust.
  + Cindy will call KPUD to find out what the adjustment is so we are not blindsided.
  + Marcia will write a thank you letter for the donation.
* The next school board meeting Thursday Sept 17.

⌦ Cindy will attend meeting. Request help in replacing the swing seats and bark dust. See end for info on rubber mulch.

* Review whether to rehire Zach, Lauren. Zach's tenure is coming to a close at end of October, give him a letter of recommendation and open position again next sprig.

⌦ Cindy will work with Lauren to ensure expectations are clear.

⌦ Cindy said that she and Ralf will take out garbage when Zach's tenure ends.

* Julie requested use of the facility for November 10 when Dept Human & Services wants to do their mobile van, Resource/Health Fair for community. This is scheduled.

1. **What are the problems discussion**

Could lose the school and park without more community support.

Priorities:

* Money
* Assistance from community. Take away from pot-luck. People from other communities came who want to help.

Facebook page - Jesse is willing. Lady named Kate Maples who has helped KLASAC, put together FB for Klickitat, Julie recommends contacting her about social media. ⌦ Julie volunteered to contact her. What do we use our page for, what is the message we want out to the community.

If we had people show up and on FB what are we asking to do. Vern presented a list of tasks. "Supportive Little Jobs" that people can do. Norm, Ralf or Vern would be new contact person.

Sherry is maintaining a list of people who want to do tasks. If people contact Sherry to volunteer - she will connect them with the right people.

New shop teacher at HS (Barbara's son-in-law, Glen) is willing to help. Sherry will try to match SLJs with volunteer list.

Vern make a motion of that every meeting we record volunteer hours/contributions. See end of minutes.

Barbara reported on an organization where can get liquidated home improvement supplies. Barbara will get more information.

1. **Fundraising**

* Lyle Hotel wine dinner November 14: Vern proposed doing a wine dinner fundraising - pair a 4 course meal with wine from each of wineries. $100/plate. ($30 for dinner and $70 donation). The Hotel is committed to doing, it, Vern would ask each winery - have wineries promote it to their wine club members - deadline October for 50 dinners. Minimum sign up by Oct 31. Min 25.

Have board members volunteer wait staff. Provide shuttles?

* Christmas Bazaar - Cindy would like to do food booth. Do a kids area? By donation - Julie can present to school clubs, caramel apples. First weekend in Nov.
* Chocolate Festival - leaning towards daytime event, not dinner.

1. **Other issues**

Vern read a statement about how cities contribute to healthy children.

Barbara researched for playground jelly beans for playground. Matthew's mom donated $500. Rubberized product, 100% non-tire rubber mulch. Color lasts 10-12 years, doesn't smell or wear off on kids close. Need exact square footage and costs - go to school board to see if can replace swing seats and maybe jelly beans. jellybeanrubbermulch.com Mosier uses cherry pits that are donated. If contact them see if there any installations in the Gorge to see.

⌦ Cindy will call Mr Kelly to give him a heads up - Cindy will figure out square footage.

⌦ Vern will go see if Keith Johnson to come with his bobcat to clear it out.

Water theft: Warren Leidle will install a water shut to the outside. Marcia installed a new kind of facet lock in the interim. The combo is 4161.

1. **Volunteer Hours**

We need to start keeping track of our hours and money spent.

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| **Hours / $ ⇨** | **Sept** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| Sherry | 4 |  |  |  |
| Barbara | 5 |  |  |  |
| Cindy | 8 |  |  |  |
| Norm | 20 / $50 |  |  |  |
| Laurece | 5 |  |  |  |
| Vern | 7 / $30 |  |  |  |
| Julie | 1 |  |  |  |
| Marcia | 4 / $95.10 |  |  |  |

**Next General Meeting Scheduled**:

October 5, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Lyle Activity Center