**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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January 11, 2016 6:00 PM

Facilitator: Marcia Buser Note Taker: Cindy Bluemel

Attendees: Barb Sexton

 Mildred Lykens Julie Larsen

 Laurece Bonam Sherri Starkin

 Vern Harpole

 Ralf Bluemel

 **2016 Budget Discussion:**

Suggestions were made for the upcoming year. Barb will make finalize the budget and it will be available at the next meeting.

 **Treasurer’s Report**:

In addition to the December report Bart also included a report for income for OLESS for all of 2015. (Included at end). Income for December was $1,268.31. Expenses were $1,160.87.

 **Strategic Planning**:

Marcia felt that since the work the board had done on the application for grant from the State was sufficient for our strategic planning for the year. Until we hear the decision about the grant we will continue with minor repairs and small projects that have already been outlined. The decision could be as soon as Mar 31 of this year.

  **Building Repair:**

Progress on the principal’s office has stopped while we are waiting for Randall Robison to complete the sheetrock work he offered at the WILD dinner. The nurse’s room is almost finished. There is a small heater that is working. The window is in. Part need to be ordered for the air conditioner unit.

Purchasing the lighting in the Riverside Room was put on hold. The fixtures that would look best are too expensive.

 **Community Meeting Report:**

Cindy reported that the committee met and decided that Rita in her position with KLASAC was the best person to be in charge. She will be the go-to-person. It was decided that the committee that helps facilitate theses meetings should not be attached to any single group, such as OLESS. Also their decision making powers for the group are limited. The focus of the group is to facilitate better communication and to provide opportunities for community gatherings. A list was made of all the groups that need to be contacted. The group will meet again to develop a work plan.

Vern shared a proposal that he had prepared to share with Business and Organizations about joining the committee. It was a rough draft. He will send it out to the larger email list to get feed back.

 **Lyle School District:**

Marcia reported that there was an MOU in place between OLESS and the Lyle School District. Vern offered to give the OLESS report to the school district on Feb. 18th.

 **Events and Rentals:**

There will be a Social Media Marketing Class held on Monday, Jan 25th at 6:00PM. This is an OLESS sponsored event. James Chapman from Gorge Ink will teach the class. Barb will prepare the coffee. Marcia will prepare the tea. Cindy will bring sweetbread.

Cindy made a report on the progress on the Chocolate Festival (Feb 6th). Some high school students were interested in being vendors for the event. Julie made a motion to lower the vending fee for students to $1.00. Sherri seconded it. The motion passed.

Cindy explained that the Chocolate Festival consists of raffle baskets at the front entry. $2.00 per ticket. Four Demonstrations in the middle room, one each hour. Tastings in the Riverside room, 3 for $5.00. Individual vendors spread between both rooms.

Playground Revitalization Day is scheduled for President’s Day, Feb 15th. Sherri offered to be the person in charge. She offered to contact Mildred to make a flyer. Andrew has indicated that he will have the chips delivered. Julie will follow up on the swing seats and when they will get installed. Andrew indicated that he will have some students to show up to help. It was suggested that Andrew ask the Lion’s Club if they would also like to help. More community members are needed. Food options were discussed but no decision made at this time.

Next meeting will be:

February 8th at 6:00PM.

Action items:

 Andrew…invite students and Lions Club members to help on Feb 15th.

 Vern….email draft to Andy, order parts for unit in nurse’s office, keep reminding Randall

 Sherri….contact Mildred for a flyer, bring snacks to on Feb. 15th.

 Chocolate Festival Assignments….Sherri, Cindy, Barb, Laurece, Karen (Vern)

 Social Media Marketing Assignments….Marcia, Barb, Cindy

 Receipts