

# OLESS Meeting Minutes

(Old Lyle Elementary School Supporters)

July 5, 2017

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**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.

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1. **Present:** Barbara Sexton, Dan Smith, Linda Williams, Brian Wanless, Julie Larson, Marcia Buser, Sherri Starkin, Cindy Bluemel, Randall Robinson, Vern Harpole, Adrian Bradford, Norm White, Marc Harvey

2. **Review and approval of June 6 minutes** – delayed for Secretary to be present

### 3. Update on State Building Restoration Grant

State grant was suspended as of July 2, 2017 until the new capital budget is approved. Adrian explained the legislative process and prognosis and that existing grant awards are still approved, just a matter of time before the capital budget is approved. However no prediction how soon that will be. Washington State Senator Jim Honeyford and Mark Schoesler are ranking members of the Ways & Means Committee which develops the operating budget. Adrian suggested that it would not hurt to send a message of support to them to let them know how important the state restoration grant is to our community.

▪ Contractor withdrawals - there were two open awarded bids that Dan reported on:

1. Norm White's accepted bid for the east roof was withdrawn as he failed to respond with a contractor's license by the due date. Dan sent him an email on June 22 to inform him that the bid award was withdrawn.
2. Jordan Harpole's accepted bid for the bathroom stall remodel was withdrawn as he failed to respond to three different means of contact (email, phone and postal mail) by the deadline. Dan sent him an email on June 26 to inform him that the bid award was withdrawn.

In both cases the board was informed and did an email vote to withdraw the bids after the contractors failed to respond by the deadlines that had been communicated. All work will be reopened for bids once the state grant funding is reinstated.

Julie suggested that there be community communication regarding the state of the grant and other activities at the LAC. ☒ She will draft something and suggest a communication plan. Perhaps in "What's Happening in Lyle."

### 4. Treasurer's report

- Barbara reported that the Garden Grant has been completely dispersed, Pioneer Days has a balance of \$325, and OLESS's check book balance is \$12,950.
- Klickitat Trail Run financials – Brian reported that the \$400 charge to OLESS was replaced as it was a charge for next year's run which has its own account.
- Annual audit report – Don Starkin completed his audit of the OLESS account and found it to be completely accurate and easy to understand. Kudos to Barbara! And many thanks to Don for the donation of his time and effort.

### 5. Room rental

- KLASAC room rental – Cindy is working on an extension of the lease to run until June 30, 2018. Barbara gave them a 3 month invoice so it is expected that the room rental will be continued. It was agreed that KLASAC can continue to use the room until the MOU is extended.

## **6. Report on Presentation on OLESS to CEKC Board Meeting on June 12**

Vern reported on what he communicated at the CEKC. Several OLESS Board members subsequently heard concerns from some other CEKC meeting attendees about OLESS's imminent demise. Vern stated that he was there to establish a sustainable community council for Lyle.

Vern had resigned from the OLESS Board effective May 16, prior to his presentation. There appears to have been miscommunication about the state of OLESS as a result of the presentation.

## **7. Building Issues (non-state grant projects)**

Norm pointed out that there are trees on the state land side of the park that need to be trimmed around the phone/power lines and that the phone or power companies could just cut down the trees even though they are the only trees in the park and are an asset to the park.

☒ Julie will check with the school maintenance people to determine the best approach.

Cindy believes she identified goathead weeds on the east end of the green space. It was not clear how long the goathead weevils take to be effective however Dan stated pesticides need to be reapplied 5 years to completely eradicate. We need to research to determine if we need to continue to follow up. Likely too late to order weevils for this year. Adrian pointed out that once the new approved budget is enacted, the school will have more funds to maintain the greenspace.

The building alarm has not been working for some time. It appears that one of the door sensors is reading as open when it is not. ☒ Marcia will contact ASET Security in The Dalles who installed it to see if they will service it.

Vern asked who the building manager is. It was established at the June 6 OLESS meeting that Marcia is the point of contact for any day-to-day building issues, and Marc is the back-up.

Sherri reported that there appears to be an issue with the lock box. ☒ Marcia will check it. Note: we checked it and it works fine.

## **8. Events & Rentals – anything coming up?**

Barbara reported that there is a big birthday party planned this coming weekend. Sandy Dement booked August 7 however Sherri indicated that the venue for that event has changed to the Lions. Night out will be either August 1 or August 6. ☒ Julie and Barbara to confirm which date is correct.

## **9. Next meeting:**

It was agreed to take a holiday from meeting in August. In the event that the state grant is reactivated before the September 5 meeting, the Board will have a special executive meeting ASAP to move forward on the restoration work.

## **10. Open forum**

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**Next General Meeting Scheduled:**

September 5, 2017 6:00 PM at Lyle Activity Center