

Caspar Community Center
Friday, February 6, 2015

1. Call to Order 9:30

Present: Rochelle Elkan, Bob Frey, Marty Johnson, Annie Lee, Ed Murrell, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman

Others: Dalen Anderson, Michael Potts, Judy Tarbell

2. Minutes of January 16, 2015 were amended to say that Judy's "first priority is a feasibility study **to develop a community water system** independent of the Board and to replace **Jesse's** with **NCR&E's** (bid). The minutes were accepted as amended..

3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda - Community Meeting and Uke Fest added.

4. Correspondence

Annie sent the letter to DOT

5. Reports

A. Executive Director

Dalen is very pleased with the variety of groups using the Center. Additional upcoming events will include a two-day event for bicyclists, the Fort Bragg Prom in May, a Montessori event, Clothes Swap, and Brutapalooza, and ballet classes will be returning.

B. Finance

Committee meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 11. Dalen will propose a budget to the committee in time to for the next Board meeting. The committee will also discuss how much to deposit in our various reserve funds.

C. Pub Night

Georgia Lane is cooking in February; Dalen will ask Dan Miller to MC.

Breakfast

- We have been getting at least one new pledge at each breakfast.
- The Board volunteered to wear nametags identifying themselves as Board members.

D. Garden

- Dalen and the committee discussed the kitchen beds; all beds now have gardeners.
- Donna Feiner advised Dalen that our water use increased by about 100 gallons last month. Dalen will turn off the hoses to the garden for a while to try to locate the leak. We will monitor weekly. Paul S. will notify the gardeners.

E. Facilities

There will be a work party on Friday, February 13 at 10 to clean the outside of the building, reconnect the drinking fountain, and put new lights in the green room

F. Fundraising/Events

Ukefest

Paul asked if we wanted to rent the facility to Pattie or be involved and have the Ukefest be a benefit. Dalen suggested we commit to this year.

6. Medicare Primer Program

Esther Koch has offered to present this program free on charge on a Monday night.

7. NCO-sponsored Food Programs

NCO has received two grants to create buying clubs, develop a system for connecting inland and coastal farmers, partnering and exploring the development of added-value products. They are looking for a cold storage space and investigating the possible use of our kitchen. Judy expressed concern about the impact on local food outlets and advised caution about endangering our non-profit status.

8. Fire Safe Clearing House Application

Paul announced there is matching grant money available for fire safety measures. The deadline is in about 10 days.

9. Water

A. Water on the Caspar property

- Given the fragility of Oscar's system, we need to explore the viability of using our existing well, at least for the garden. The County requires a sealed well to 50' for a public facility.
- If we want to drill a new well, Mendocino has developed a protocol for protecting neighboring wells.
- Judy said she would support efforts to develop potable water for the Center via the well and possibly another tank, though her main concern remains the community system.

B. Acquiring the Caspar Cattle Company water.

- Dalen reminded the Board that at the retreat there was no consensus to take responsibility for developing and maintaining a Community system.
- We now have grant money to explore what is feasible; determine the state of the wells and the system, maintenance obligations, vehicles such as a Community Services District, water co-op, etc.
- Michael pointed out that there are three possibilities for the current system; it could fail, in which case there is still a legal obligation to continue to provide water to current users; it could be purchased by someone else who would most likely use it for Oscar's property and continue to provide the current users; it could be acquired by a local organization.
- Any plan must be far-sighted. Bob mentioned the importance of setting goals—who is the system going to serve, what would it take to extend the water to the east and west and restore hydrants in downtown, what's the best way to own water, what grant money might be available.
- Marty suggested the first step is informational: we need to gather research that we already have.
- Water is a sensitivities issue and transparency important. Ed felt the community should be consulted and kept informed, especially current users.
- Michael volunteered to head a team. Paul S. suggested Eric Stromberger as a good resource.

10. Community Meeting

The Community meeting was set for Sunday, April 19.

Dalen suggested using some of the planning money to pay Sienna to help coordinate neighborhood meetings. Dalen and Annie will meet with Sienna.

Adjourned at 10:25

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Lee

Calendar

Thursday, February 12	Work Day/Kitchen Clean-up 10 Finance Committee 11
Friday, February 13	Facilities Committee Work Party, 10 Pub Night
Friday, February 20	Board Meeting , 9:30 Alice DiMicele
Sunday, February 22	Breakfast
Friday, February 27	Casparfest Meeting, 1
Friday, March 6	Board Meeting , 9:30 Oak & Thorn Dinner
Monday, March 9	Garden workday, 11-1
Friday, March 12	Pub Night
Friday, March 20	Board Meeting , 9:30
Sunday, March 22	Breakfast
Friday, April 3	Board Meeting , 9:30
Friday, April 17	Board Meeting , 9:30
Friday and Saturday, April 17 & 18	Uke Fest
Sunday, April 19	Community Meeting
Sunday, April 26	Breakfast
Thursday, May 7	Garden Committee, 2
Sunday, May 10	Mother's Day Tea
Saturday, July 25	Casparfest