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WES COMMUNITY
*An independent non-profit dedicated to
 supporting outdoor education at
 Whiskeytown Environmental School*

Meeting Notes
 WES Community Board
 Monday, September 25th 2017, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Whiskeytown Environmental School Campus

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Kathy Hill, Ellen Petrick (NPS), Nathan Fairchild (SCOE), Lena Martin

Not Present: Stan Bridges

	Discussion	Action Items
Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:18pm	
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Kathy made a motion to pass the August minutes, Melinda seconded. Motion passed.	
Treasurer's Report	\$5,222.95 is current balance. Ready to make available to WES at their request \$1,512.00 from the Chevron grant and \$464.98 from the March 4 Science. We have received the official confirmation from California DOJ to conduct raffles through 8/31/18.	
Ongoing Business		
SCOE Update	Last year WES/SCOE partnered with Turtle Bay with limited results as TB appeals to a smaller group of kids, narrower age group. Old steamer in kitchen at WES is having issues but due to lack of funding there is no way to replace it at this time. Tried to apply for a grant but did not qualify. Push for a future budget account for covering issues of this nature. Basically the steamer needs replacement as soon as money is available. Until then, the steamer will continue to be repaired as needed. Field Labs led by Michelle Mallory are going well and Michelle has	

Board of Directors

Stan Bridges Kathy Hill Melinda Kashuba, PhD
 Edward Meyer

WES Liaisons - Cassie Simons
SCOE Liaison – Nathan Fairchild **WNRA Liaison** – Ellen Petrick
Special Projects - David Huscher

	<p>a great deal of enthusiasm and energy to bring to the program. Two other staff employees are well suited to the position and will likely be long term in the positions. The programs are being tailored to spending more time in and around the water as this is what has been most popular in the past while still holding true to the new standards. Some portions of the program have been changed to ensure that there is a good balance of both fun and learning. Getting feedback and refining things constantly, everything has been revamped for this semester K-4th.</p> <p>SCOE had a shorter video made to advertise WES that they envision will be the lead-in for in school programs as they try to grow the program.</p>	
WNRA Update	<p>Harvest Fest went very well with a smaller crowd in attendance than previous years, which made for an easier time managing guests and activities.</p> <p>Ellen is ready to make a report and request changes to 3 signs to reflect the requested name to change regarding NEED/Whiskeytown Environmental School.</p> <p>Musician Craig Chaquico is doing a project recording music and natural sounds in a number of National Parks. As part of the project he wanted to record children on WES campus, but due to privacy concerns and permissioning challenges, the idea was passed over.</p> <p>70 people showed up for the Whiskeytown volunteer dinner. Largest group is the kayak program volunteer group. Very dedicated, enthusiastic, and motivated group that is a good resource to draw from in the future.</p>	
Giving Tuesday	<p>Kathy and Melinda are attending a Webinar on 9/26/17 that will give more insight and info on how to get set up officially for Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday event will be cutting checks for the proceeds on 12/18/17.</p>	
Quilt Raffle	<p>Kathy will be doing the online raffle which Board voted to approve at 12/16 meeting.</p>	
Shasta County Arts Council TV	<p>Melinda sent a thank you note to SCAC for putting our video up on their broadcast channel. The video is currently running twice a day at various different times as their programming schedule allows.</p> <p>SCAC is starting a video class this year and are interested in knowing if they could come out and film the WES program. This is a possibility as long as the proper protocols are followed regarding on campus guests and privacy and permissioning releases.</p>	
Facebook/Twitter/Website	<p>Nathan said to feel free to give him content for SCOE's WES Facebook page if we like.</p> <p>Melinda and Edward have started the process into researching other options for website hosting, construction, and maintenance.</p>	

	They will continue to look at what other choices are out there to see if there is a better fit for WES Community than the current situation. In the meantime, we will spend the money to renew our hosting through GoDaddy for the next year.	
Future Business		
Elections in October	Going to have the elections next October and would like to more fully develop duties for members of the board.	
Budget Planning for 2018	Budget approved via email vote on 9/9/17. Edward made a motion to approve the budget and Kathy seconded. All voting Board members voted yes to approve. Plans to discuss a budget for 2018 at the next meeting.	
Friends Agreement with National Park Service	"Friends" agreement needs to be in place between non-profits and NPS to raise funds on Park Property. Not a very complicated agreement but it is a little lengthy. Melinda has begun to start the process to fill out the proper paperwork to submit to NPS to allow for fundraising and usage of park facilities on behalf of WES Community. Discussion also led to a similar agreement that should be entered into with SCOE as nothing official exists at this time. NPS is very clear in the rules of the "Friends" agreement regarding the methods in which donations can be received and displayed. NPS wants to be identified as a Federal Partner if group is using its properties and resources to raise funds and promote themselves.	
Whole Earth Watershed Festival 4/21/18 11am-5pm	\$25.00 for a non-profit table at the Fest next year. Kathy made a motion to approve \$25.00 for the expense, Edward seconded. Motion passed. Money raised by Peggy Rebois March for Science fundraising at next year's fest will come to WES.	
50 th Anniversary Planning Committee	Discussion deferred to next meeting.	
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:37PM	

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm October 23, 2017

or the 4th Monday of each Month