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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, April 23rd 2018, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Stan Bridges, Kathy Hill, Ellen Petrick, Nathan Fairchild

Not Present:

	Discussion	Action Items
Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm	
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Kathy made a motion to pass the March minutes, Melinda seconded. Motion passed.	
SCOE Update	<p>Kitchen work is completely done while the office interior work continues.</p> <p>Nathan is working with HR to post Cassie's job. Closes on Friday 4/27/18. Limitations to the hiring are that the position is only funded for 144 days and will require a teaching credential, both of which make the position a more difficult fit. Thus far a small but nice applicant pool has formed and interviews will take place in May.</p> <p>140K grant was secured for a leadership program that will take place over several days this summer.</p>	
WNRA Update	<p>Friends of Whiskeytown has there partner agreement renewed.</p> <p>NSO observation has begun in the park as well as bat conservation international surveying for white nose syndrome.</p> <p>Work is moving forward for trail re-route/reconstruction of Martha's Ditch to Ridge</p>	

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>Trail, which currently is closed.</p> <p>Gold Rush programs are ongoing for grade schoolers.</p> <p>Waterfall Week is currently taking place from 4/21-4/28. If visitors hike to all for major falls in the park and bring in a passport to the VC, they will receive a bandanna which was paid for by the Friends of Whiskeytown.</p> <p>NPS Seasonal staff has been hired and will arrive soon and work through the end of September.</p>	
Treasurers Report	<p>Both the checks, Chevron and March for Science have cleared.</p> <p>\$11,166.39 is balance from 3/31.</p> <p>Kathy made a motion to fund a worthy student's trip to WES in the amount of \$255.00. Melinda seconded. Motion passed. This donation will likely be taken from the Kimball Fund total from NSGT.</p>	
On-going Business		
Whole Earth and Watershed Festival Recap	<p>\$250.00 was raised through the sale of 50 quilt raffle tickets to Watershed Festival participants who came by the booth.</p> <p>Kathy, Edward, Tim Hill, and Jenn Pollom were in position at the booth throughout the Festival and talked to many people, young and old, who had great stories about their wonderful experiences at WES and gathered some contact information from interested folks.</p> <p>Kathy Hill was given an Environmental Steward honor at the Festival for being an outstanding person in environmental science and outdoor education.</p>	
SCOE-WES Community Friends Agreement	<p>Melinda found David Huscher, but did not have a chance to connect with him. Will do so this month before the next meeting.</p> <p>Within the MOU would likely be an expectation that the group, WES Community, would have insurance. Not a big concern of Nathan's that we have an MOU, but it is something that we as a Board are interested in. Therefore, we as the Board will be largely responsible for driving the creation of an MOU.</p> <p>Some discussion of the Board acquiring insurance as part of the MOU. Will be further discussed once Melinda has had an opportunity to discuss with David Huscher.</p>	
Update WES Video	Nathan, Melinda, and Minnie will try to get together in June to discuss new content creation for making a new video.	
New Business		
May Meeting	May meeting will be a week early due to the Memorial Day Holiday falling on Monday 5/28/18.	

2018 NSGT	SRCF is changing up the way they schedule the pre Giving Tuesday meetings and workshops. Things will start ramping up in the June. Melinda will maintain contact and keep us posted.
2017 NSGT Report Request	<p>Sound System: \$1,024.24</p> <p>Student Sponsorship: \$255.00</p> <p>AED: Discussion that the campus would greatly appreciate an AED and Nathan assured us that after discussions with SCOE, there would not be any liability issues. Ellen will look into what the NPS uses and get us that information and we will make the purchase.</p> <p>Nathan mentioned that presently WES is pursuing funding for new outdoor recreational equipment such as lawn games, balls, Frisbees, etc... If this funding source does not pan out, he would like to approach Board about funding the new equip. He will keep us posted.</p>
50 th Anniversary Planning	Discussion of when to hold the event. Do so when staff is still there. Shoot for a weekend in May 2020.
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:31PM

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm May 21, 2018

or the 4th Monday of each Month