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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, August 20th 2018, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Shasta YMCA

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

Not Present: Stan Bridges

Discussion

Action Items

Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Melinda made a motion to pass the July minutes, Edward seconded. Motion passed.
SCOE Update	<p>Schools in the Carr Fire area have been effected greatly by the impacts of the fire and SCOE has been very focused on supporting the kids and assessing the school facilities.</p> <p>Lot more questions than answers regarding the programs at WES. Ready to move back in if the site is determined safe for the K-4 program. Turtle Bay is an alternative site for a Field Lab home base for Fall and possibly Spring. Trying to stay flexible and mobile in regards to the programs.</p> <p>Rains are going to impact a lot in terms of how the program can react/return.</p> <p>Rental program has been cancelled for now and will hopefully be reinstated ASAP once the go ahead is given.</p> <p>2 week timetable to NPS in terms of getting an answer regarding spring residential programs at WES Campus. Looking at a facilities in Shingletown, Lassen Pines and Camp McCumber, as alternate sites for the program to take place in the spring. Facilities are not winterized so that would have to be considered. Nathan is taking a tour tomorrow and will have a better idea. Plan for use of an alternate site</p>

Board of Directors

Stan Bridges Kathy Hill Melinda Kashuba, PhD
 Edward Meyer

WES Liaisons -

SCOE Liaison – Nathan Fairchild **WNRA Liaison** – Ellen Petrick
Special Projects - David Huscher

	<p>is to “bring the program to them” with cooks, custodians, naturalist, etc... Plug and Play. Distance is critical; bussing is an issue as it is quite a distance from Redding.</p> <p>New WES Coordinator John Oliver was in escrow on a house that burned down but has remained very dedicated to the program and has been helpful in looking at alternate sites. Rest of the staff is good and will be busy getting the program back up and running.</p> <p>Letter has been sent to Shasta County Schools informing them of the current situation and that staff is working hard to have some kind of a program to offer both for Field Labs and Residential.</p> <p>Outpouring of support from all sectors of the community both personal and professional. Everyone from NPS has been very helpful, all have the same goals and are dedicated to working together and hard to get things back together.</p> <p>A lot of needs assessment is happening right now, first one is site/location.</p>	
WNRA Update	<p>Park is slowly opening up post Carr Fire; county roads within the park are open, but not any park property except the visitor center vista point and visitor center (once the A/C is fixed).</p> <p>Lots of official help is in the park and are running the website, social media, and getting the updated signage in place.</p> <p>BAER Team arrived last week and is assessing the fire impacts on the park, will make their first report tomorrow at the USFS Supervisors Office.</p> <p>WRNA NPS hopes to be back in their offices in the park in 1 or 2 weeks.</p> <p>Cemetery clean-up took place on Saturday and about 300 people attended.</p> <p>Water is now potable at Visitor Center and Headquarters.</p> <p>Last week the Secretary of the Interior and other officials visited the park and the fire area.</p> <p>Starting to compile information regarding revegetation and Public Information Officers will start to disseminate the info to the public.</p> <p>Fire has shown how so many people in so many ways care so very deeply about Whiskeytown.</p>	
Treasurers Report	<p>\$7,317.00 current balance</p> <p>\$255.00 raffle money was given to Nathan.</p>	
On-going Business		
Giving Tuesday Update	<p>Kathy and Melinda will be attending a workshop on 8/28/18.</p> <p>Discussion of what to ask for during NSGT. Discussion of funds to purchase winter gear if the camp moves to an alternate site that is at a higher elevation like boots, snowshoes, warm blankets, etc... Also circled back to make the big ask</p>	

	regarding funds for rebuilding a maintenance garage, updating shower house.	
Mini Maker Faire 9/15/18	We have been accepted and will participate with the material to make bee houses.	
Annual Website Hosting Renewal	Edward will work on renewal through GoDaddy and work with Kathy in trying to figure out the notice from iDNS that was recently received in the mail. *9/19/18-iDNS is a GoDaddy competitor and is known for misleading advertising such as the letter received regarding domain renewal. Kathy was able to cancel the payment to iDNS and Edward renewed with GoDaddy on 9/12/18.*	
New Business		
Carr Fire Planning, Cabin Reconstruction	Kathy looked into ideas about cabin replacements and put together a packet regarding tent cabins including price, models, contacts, etc... These are the same cabins currently being used in Lassen at the Volcano Adventure Camp.	
National Environmental Education Foundation Grant	Envisioning working with liaisons in different ways. Work with SCOE thru Shasta College to collect and propagate native seeds and work to re-vegetate the park. NPS would give the OK and identify the areas for revegetation. Work with school kids to plant with the assistance of Shasta College. Idea is to fund a multi-faceted and multi-party program to give agency to the community and provide for the regrowth of the park. Would need a letter/permission from NPS to identify natives that could be collected, propagated, and replanted.	
Facebook donation Button	Edward is working on getting it going and will shoot to do it as soon as possible.	
Selection of Alternate Site for Sept. Meeting	As for now, we will plan on keeping it at WES.	
Future Presentation to Redding Wonderland Garden Club	No discussion	
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 8:25pm	

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm August 20, 2018

or the 4th Monday of each Month