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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, January 28th 2019, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Kathy Hill, Ellen Petrick, Scott Lyons

Not Present:

Discussion

Action Items

Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Melinda made a motion to pass the December minutes, Kathy seconded. Motion passed.
SCOE Update	Scott Lyons attended and gave the Board a report. The organization of the program has pretty well been completely reinvented to accommodate new standards, new site, and new climate/weather. Logistics are still being worked out in a number of areas including transitions between cabin groups, hiking groups, and dining groups. Cabins are very nice with interior bathrooms, heat, and plenty of space for students. Students are having a great time and are enjoying the access to the snow. Trail system is working out thus far and will get more extensive use once the snow melts and the ground dries out. Internet speed is lacking which has made for some challenges. Good crew of staff is helping the program find its legs at the new site.
WNRA Update	Ellen followed up on the Art to Ashes question regarding collecting material on NPS property. Jennifer Gibson stated that it did not present an issue unless the art was sold. Only NPS stipulation is that the art cannot be sold. Jennifer Gibson is willing to oversee collection of debris that will be transformed into the art. Melinda will follow up with the Art to Ashes folks and NPS. New Superintendent is slowly coming on line but his arrival in person is delayed in large part due to the shutdown.

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

Treasurers Report	<p>\$10,256.00 current balance</p> <p>\$2,000.00 was spent on Fall River Mills Scholarship. Check has been given to Lena.</p> <p>\$40.00 was spent on Whole Earth and Watershed Fest registration.</p>
On-going Business	
Fall River Mills Scholarship Donation	<p>On Thursday 1/10/19 Melinda made a motion via text to donate \$2,000 to Fall River Mills to assist students in covering costs to attend WES at Lassen Pines. Board Members unanimously voted via text message to donate \$2,000 to assist Fall River Mills 47 students in attending WES at Lassen Pines during the week of 1/28/19.</p>
Cascade-Union 5 th Grade Funding	<p>2 schools in the district, Anderson Middle and Anderson Heights, are scheduled to come in May. Currently they are \$11,000 behind in affording to send 107 5th graders. Melinda has been in contact with the Principal regarding options. Schools were hoping WES Community could cover it all, but that is impossible. Kathy made the suggestion to donate \$3000 with the idea that we could generate attention by stating we will match donations up to \$3000. Discussion of pointing them in the direction of larger donors in the Anderson community such as SPI, Logging Conference, etc.</p> <p>Kathy made a motion to propose a donation seeking a matching donor, up to \$3000 on WES Community's part, Edward seconded. Motion passed. Melinda will be in contact with the Principals to get a plan together.</p>
T-shirt Sales and Promotions	<p>4/27/19 WES Community has event space reserved at the California Street Labs for a proposed Tie Dye party involving WES t-shirts. Other proposed dates are 3/23/19 and 4/6/19. Suggested price will be \$25 for a white WES T shirt and the experience of dying. The shirts were donated from the WES program to WES Community from surplus inventory. Event will be a fundraiser for WES Community. The printer of the shirts is Grecco's.</p> <p>Kathy has secured a sellers permit for WES Community.</p>
Friends of Whiskeytown 1/8/19 Meeting Recap	<p>Discussion centered on a self-study and an inventory of the current state of their program and the effects of the lack of the grant money that they had become somewhat accustomed to receiving. Want to generate money through raffles and have acquired a new kayak and a large painting of Whiskeytown as raffle prizes. Selling tickets at Matson Vineyard tasting room. During the meeting Melinda told them about Whole Earth and Watershed Festival and the group plans to attend.</p>
Jacobs, Inc Gala Donation	<p>Jacobs Engineering made a donation of \$1,000 to WES Community. The money was a portion of the proceeds from their office Holiday Gala. Kathy made the suggestion to acknowledge the donation in honor of Harlan Moyer, former CEO of CH2M Hill, by writing a thank you letter to Jacobs.</p> <p>Discussion of previous meetings with CH2M Hill/Jacobs where they expressed a willingness to provide/donate a site assessment if a new site is found. Will keep this in mind if an assessment becomes necessary and will approach them at that</p>

	time.	
Whole Earth and Watershed Festival 4/20/19	We are paid up and on the roster to attend this year on Saturday 4/20/19.	
New Business		
Budget 2019	\$7,256 left after proposed \$3,000 donation to Anderson Schools.	
New Wish List	Discussion of funding newly discovered needs that the program may come across in the new location. Informed Scott Lyons to pass along any needs that may arise to the Board and we will determine if we can assist.	
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:35pm	

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm February 25, 2018

or the 4th Monday of each Month