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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 26th 2019, 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 6:08pm
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Melinda made a motion to pass the June minutes, Edward seconded. Motion passed.
SCOE Update	<p>Moving forward with the mobile program, WES Field Labs, giving districts what they wanted. 8 different sites that schools can visit. Check SCOE website for information on Field Labs. Multiple lessons, some are the same from the past, some are new and site specific.</p> <p>New staff is being hired. Lori Martin was hired as a Field Instructor as well as 2 others; Kathy Hill will be on list as a substitute.</p> <p>Waiting on Safety Review, possibly take place in October and November. This is a key piece of info which will greatly determine path forward. SCOE Board will likely discuss whether they want to wait on the Safety Review or make the decision to start with a plan for a new site.</p> <p>Nathan made a visit to Volcano Adventure Camp in Lassen to see the site and facilities and look at possibilities for the future.</p> <p>Nathan made the suggestion that "WES Strong" stickers would be a good add to the program.</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

WRNA Report	<p>Current Plan for Reopening Areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Culvert Rd/Old Rope Swing 2. Crystal Creek Falls/Crystal Creek Lower 3. Crystal Creek Water Ditch 4. South Shore Drive 5. Tower House Historic District 6. Circle Back and Reassess all Open Areas <p>Early August a 2 day cultural landscape workshop took place and was attended by regional and national experts. Some of the Park's Apple trees are resprouting and genetic tests show that the sprouts are from the historic apple tree varieties, not the grafted root stock, which is exciting and welcome news.</p> <p>2 days of strategic planning earlier this month that was very worthwhile for the park staff in attendance that will lead to some very positive outcomes.</p> <p>Hiring is still proving to be a challenge for Visual Information Specialist, but an offer will likely be made later in the week. Filling other positions are proving to be very difficult as well.</p> <p>Bat Chat was a great success, 80 people in attendance, which was a huge jump from recent programs. Approx. 50 percent drop off in interpretive program attendance thus far this season as the numbers are becoming more available over time.</p>	
Treasurers Report	<p>Current Balance \$3,361.31</p> <p>\$709 received at 8/3/19 Lions Event. Will deposit \$649 and keep \$60 in cash box with the square device</p> <p>Square Reader is working out well for merchandise sales. Square made \$48.63 direct deposit from sales.</p>	
On-going Business		
8/3/19 Host Lion's WES Camp Fundraiser	<p>\$757 total income made at the event at WES Comm both. \$301 in direct donations. \$408 cash received for merchandise. \$50 credit card taken on Square device results in \$48.63 deposited to our account.</p> <p>Communication is continuing with Michael Stewart, Lions Treasurer, regarding raffles and future partnerships in fundraising.</p> <p>Kathy estimates approx. 500-700 people attended.</p>	
Redbud Recovery Project	<p>Project ends 8/30/19 at Whiskeytown Visitor Center.</p> <p>Melinda went and collected some tags after the heavy rain put them in an album.</p>	

Storage Unit Rental	Storage unit is up and running and is well organized with all of the boxed merchandise. \$75/month. Board discussed the pros and cons of renting the unit and consensus was that it was a wise investment at this time.
Friends of Whiskeytown Meeting	FOW working on a Dignity Health Grant Proposal that would have funding for Beach Bus, Patio Boat Tours, Lifeguard Program, and Harvest Fest for 2020. Melinda got a contact from FOW regarding non-profit insurance.
Review NPS MOU	By having an MOU with NPS we have to have an annual work plan, a document that explains what we plan to do, how we plan to work with the NPS over the course of a year. Board will take the time to next meeting to read over and familiarize themselves with the document. 1 requirement is to have insurance. Melinda plans to call a recommended insurance agent in the coming weeks to discuss.
Mid-Year Budget for 2019	Board discussed an updated budget and determined that some refining would be beneficial for both our own reference and records and for submission as part of the Giving Tuesday required documentation.
Turtle Bay Field Trip Open House Thu Oct 3 4-6PM	Teacher only event to enable them to come and see various exhibits and information regarding Field Trip venues that are available in and around Nor-Cal. Melinda plans to attend. Discussed making "WES Strong" buttons for the event to pass out to teachers.
New Business	
Giving Tuesday 2019	Kathy and Melinda will attend meeting on Wed. 8/28/19. Need to determine what our "Ask" is for this year. Discussion of keeping it simple and honest. "Scholarships for Students" or "Funding to Enable Student Attendance"
Periodic Tie-Dye Fundraisers At California Street Labs	Discussion of having a fairly regular, possible monthly, tie dye event at the Labs. Kathy will discuss with the Labs to see if/when the good space is available.
2020 Meeting Dates	July will likely be hiatus due to Board commitments
50 th Anniversary Planning	Further discussion of "When". Discussion centered on putting a Fall date that is conducive to decent weather and not being on the same weekend as the NPS Harvest Fest. Ellen will check when the Harvest Fest is generally scheduled and get back to the Board.
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 8:04pm

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm September 23, 2019

or the 4th Monday of each Month