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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, December 2nd 2019, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Kathy Hill, Cassie Simmons, Ken Showalter, Lori Martin, Nathan Fairchild

Not Present: NPS Liason

Discussion

Action Items

Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	October 2019 Minutes: Melinda motioned to pass, Kathy seconded. Motion passed.
SCOE Update	<p>2 days of Future of WES meetings with SCOE, NPS, FOW, and WES Comm (Partner Meeting). Still a decent amount of uncertainty, but a plan for going forward to build and maintain connections with the partner groups. Next meeting is 1/21/20, and by then the campus area specific safety report should be out and go to the SCOE Board. SCOE Board has come to appreciate the value of the old campus site as there are no other sites in the county that approximate its amenities. A good discussion was had among the partner groups regarding the process going forward.</p> <p>WES Day programs are going well. Camp Unite is another option schools have for Outdoor Education this spring. Camp Unite charges \$200 for 2.5 days which means the WES day programs are a better value and more in line with NGSS. SCOE had to contact Camp Unite legally and ask them to cease using a SCOE label in a TV ad.</p> <p>Lions Club expressed concern regarding the \$25,000 raised over the summer when members of the group heard about the day programs being offered. Lions want the entirety of the proceeds to go to supporting the overnight, residential, student experience and not the day programs. As a result, the Lions are holding</p>

Board of Directors

Kathy Hill Melinda Kashuba, PhD
 Edward Meyer Cassandra Simons

WES Liaisons -

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

	<p>off on giving the check to SCOE until a clearer plan is worked up. Nathan has been very careful about maintaining a donor account to assure donors, like the Lions, that their donation will go to what they want. \$5,000 from an individual Lions donor, if/when it comes in, would go to architecture firm Domakur to get some renderings of what a built out camp would look like. It is agreed upon by all that a visual product would help with a united understanding of the vision going forward.</p>
WRNA Report	No Liaison present
Treasurers Report	<p>Current Balance \$4,844.12</p> <p>Storage unit is currently our most expensive routine expense. Art from the Ashes has offered to allow us to use some of their available storage space. Kathy will discuss with them in terms of the particulars.</p>
On-going Business	
Welcome to New Board Members and Visitors	<p>Cassie Simmons has joined the Board as VP.</p> <p>FOW Ken attending first meeting.</p> <p>Lori Martin attending first meeting.</p>
Giving Tuesday	<p>Kathy will be responding ASAP to all donors as the donations arrive.</p> <p>Edward will continue to post like crazy on Social Media throughout the day.</p>
Shasta's Old Time Holiday Celebration	<p>12/7/19 11am-3pm. WES Comm will be partnering with Art From the Ashes with Kathy and Cassie doing an ornament making activity in the Gold Rush room. 10am set up time. Lori volunteered to assist at the booth as well.</p>
Friends of Whiskeytown Report	<p>President Ken Showalter gave report.</p> <p>FOW will be attending with a booth at the Shasta Old Time Holiday Celebration. Had hoped to have their popcorn machine in action, but more strict Health Regulations have made it too difficult to comply for this year's activity.</p> <p>Been working hard to get FOW Brand back out into the public eye and back into the grant system. Big grants from Redding Rancheria and Dignity Health are in the works. Hope to secure funding for Beach Bus to run again in the future.</p> <p>Looking for skilled, passionate folks in the community to join their board.</p> <p>FOW formed 2003.</p>
Insurance Estimates for MOU	<p>No 2 insurance policies are the same, impossible to get apples to apples comparison. Melinda has talked to 2 different kinds of insurance agencies. Non-Profit Insurance Alliance based in Santa Cruz is self-insured; they are not a huge company. Sell Liability and Board Insurance through an assigned local insurance agent, which in our case would be Armar Insurance in Yreka. Other agency was George Peterson Insurance Agency, which deals with a 3rd party underwriter after</p>

	<p>asking a few questions about the group. Not a very tailored approach.</p> <p>Melinda will reconnect with Armar.</p>
New Business	
WES Camp Workshop	<p>2 days of Future of WES meetings with SCOE, NPS, FOW, and WES Comm (Partner Meeting). Still a decent amount of uncertainty, but a plan for going forward to build and maintain connections with the partner groups. Next meeting is 1/21/19, and by then the campus area specific safety report should be out and go to the SCOE Board. SCOE Board has come to appreciate the value of the old campus site as there are no other sites in the county that approximate its amenities. A good discussion was had among the partner groups regarding the process going forward</p>
wesforever.org	<p>Unite as one voice for reliable steady info. Came out of the meeting above.</p> <p>Melinda bought wesforever.org as a URL as the first step towards getting this going. Working with DreamHost, a web hosting company that a family member works for to set up a multi-partner website of the groups. Discussion of how to message, working to get unified communication among and throughout the partners.</p>
WES Camp 50 th Anniversary Planning Committee	<p>9/26/2020 is the date set aside. Discussion of what is needed to start getting planning together. Many questions were raised with answers to be pondered until next meeting. What do we want to do? How big do we want to make it? Is it a fundraiser? Is it just a cathartic day of goodwill? If it is a fundraiser, need to organize a number of different ways to make money.</p> <p>Shasta College Foundation would be a good contact and source of money, Emma Jimenez is the chair.</p> <p>Shirley Jacobsen-Knight, who Melinda knows, was in the first WES Camp group 50 years ago and wants to ask her if she knows anyone else local who was there and would like to get together.</p>
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:30pm

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm January 27, 2020