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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 27th 2020, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Kathy Hill, Ellen Petrick, Lori Martin, Cassie Simons

Not Present: Nathan Fairchild

Discussion

Action Items

Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	December 2020 Minutes: Kathy Hill motioned to pass, Cassandra Simons seconded. Motion passed.
SCOE Update	<p>Nathan and hike instructors met after the last Fall group and did some tweaking to the program and activities to better make use of student's time and the amenities of the specific sites. Programs are not taking place now, but will start up in February with 2 full time hike instructors and 1 alternate, Kathy Hill.</p> <p>"Energy Flow" was the day program that was most booked in the Fall. Several lessons on the menu were not booked in the Fall. Looking into what teachers want and trying to put out the programs that have the most interest.</p>
WRNA Report	<p>Ellen shared notes from NPS Leadership Team meeting 1/21/20: still working on debris removal from numerous buildings damaged/destroyed in the fire. Goats grazing contract, Orchard rehab contract, and several others are funded for the year. New visual information specialist, Scott Einberger, has started in the position and along with other staff is bringing about some positive change for the Park Newspaper. Staff is working on wood permits to be available to the public for cutting of decked fire salvage wood throughout the park for personal use.</p> <p>Resource Staff is on monthly rotation into Jenn Gibson's former position as head of Resources. Steve Femmel Planning and Compliance Coordinator retiring this</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>week. Lots of personnel changes continue to happen at the park.</p> <p>200 U Prep students are coming to Brandy Creek in April for field trip.</p> <p>Discussion at a recent meeting regarding Park projects and long term Vision with various timelines. 2-4 years out in project development are plans for the future of WES in the park and clear development for future of WES facilities and programs.</p>
Treasurers Report	<p>Current Balance \$5,950.83</p> <p>Kathy suggested having a meeting to discuss an annual financial expense report. She and Melinda will get together to draft a document/format.</p> <p>Kathy paid Sales Tax to the state for retail sales in 2019.</p> <p>Kathy registered us again as a Charitable Trust</p>
On-going Business	
Friends of Whiskeytown Report	<p>Kathy attended 1/14/20 meeting, which Ken Showalter, did not attend due to illness. Other members of the FOW Board were present but due to Ken's absence did not have quorum. Josh Hoines presented on new improvements for Oak Bottom.</p> <p>NPS Anna Shrank was attending as a new Liaison for the Friends and will replace Jenn Gibson in that capacity.</p>
Report on Old Shasta's Old Time Holiday Celebration	<p>Approx. 300 folks attended and the craft went very well. Art From the Ashes reimbursed WES Community for the expense of supplies for the ornament making.</p>
Wesforever.org	<p>Meetings have produced a lot of good discussion but the need for a united voice was deemed most important. WES Community was tapped to create a website due to our ability to work outside agency (NPS and SCOE) constraints. Melinda's nephew works for a web hosting company and gave her information regarding free hosting for Non Profits. Kathy and Melinda worked through the process and have a functioning website in the works. Site will act as a one stop shop for WES news and updates from "Gang of 4". SCOE still has reservations and will not be fully on board until site safety report comes out.</p>
Report on WES Forever Meeting	<p>1/21/20 "Gang of Four" Meeting. Brainstorming uses for WES site beyond environmental school activities. Safety report is not yet ready, but hopefully coming soon with favorable results. Mission of the group is to keep the public involved and informed throughout the process. Working on an official Mission/Vision Statement which is very important.</p>
WES 50 th Planning	<p>9/26/2020. Melinda will develop a chart of milestones and share. Kathy has started making up a flyer. Will start really ramping up next month. Discussion of getting public involved as a planning committee with an open meeting at California St Labs. Discussion of Saturday 2/8/20.</p>
George Peterson	<p>On 1/13/20 Kathy Hill made a motion to the Board via email to secure general liability and board insurance from George Peterson Insurance at the amount</p>

Insurance	<p>quoted, approx. \$1,237.00 per year. On 1/14/20 Edward Meyer seconded the motion via email. Motion passed via email.</p> <p>Melinda is in contact with Scott Schaffner and he is drafting a policy and should be done in a few days. We can pay in one payment or 4 quarterly payments.</p>
New Business	
Whole Earth and Watershed Festival 4/18/20	Board committed to having a booth at this year's event.
Avoidance of Public Political Association of Statements by WESC	Discussion of being careful to not align or appear to align WES Community with any political association as this would potentially cause us to lose our 501c3 non-profit status. Board Members were reminded that sometimes accidents can happen on social media and to be very mindful of comments made and subject matter shared on the WES Community social media accounts.
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:58pm

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm February 24, 2020