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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, February 24th 2020, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Shasta YMCA

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

Not Present: Nathan Fairchild

Discussion

Action Items

Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	January 2020 Minutes Cassie Simons motioned to pass, Kathy Hill seconded. Motion passed.
SCOE Update	Liaison not present
WRNA Report	<p>Ellen has hired a second employee that has started working in the Park, which is very exciting and very helpful.</p> <p>Wood permits available until March 31 2020.</p> <p>Horse Camp is currently closed for improvements to infrastructure to make it ADA. Paving is taking place and the bathroom is being upgraded.</p> <p>NPS is soliciting photos from the public for the WNRA and LAVO dual park pass.</p> <p>Housing for seasonal park employees is tight due to losses from the fire and there is a huge need at this time.</p> <p>Scheduling for school groups to come for NPS programs has begun as has outreach to volunteers for NPS programs/projects.</p> <p>Superintendent Josh Hoines is meeting with Nathan Fairchild this week to work on</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

	an agreement between NPS and SCOE.
Treasurers Report	<p>Current Balance \$5,828.83</p> <p>Important Dates:</p> <p>PO Box renewal due 3/31</p> <p>CA TAX RRF1 due 4/15</p> <p>199N CA Tax 5/15</p> <p>990N FED IRS 5/15</p>
On-going Business	
Friends of Whiskeytown Report	<p>Melinda attended the last meeting along with 15 other people, which was a great turnout. Many attendees had previous experience with the group and are coming back to assist in getting the organization back up and running on all cylinders after Ken Showalter's departure.</p> <p>Several things regarding outstanding grants that require some tying up for the group. Lots of experience and energy for grant writing and organizing going forward.</p>
Whole Earth and Watershed Festival	Request will be made to be located in close proximity to the NPS booth and Friends of Whiskeytown.
WES 50 th Birthday Committee Meeting	<p>9/26/2020. Discussion of getting old Naturalists and past staff to record a bit of video talking about their WES experience. Cassie volunteered to work on collating.</p> <p>Meeting took place at the California Street Labs on 2/8/20 and was very effective in terms of a layout of a plan and strategy.</p> <p>Cassie spoke with the band The Buckhorn Mtn Stompers and discussed their availability and interest in playing at the event and what their rate would be. \$500.00 is the lowest they will do.</p> <p>Cassie contacted Redding Subaru via email regarding a sponsorship for a parking shuttle from the Mt. Shasta Mine Loop to Camp. Awaiting a response.</p> <p>Next meeting will be 2/29/20 at California Street Labs from 1-3pm.</p>
Wesforever.org	<p>Group is working on a vision statement that all can agree on and are comfortable with.</p> <p>Next meeting is 3/9/20 1-4pm.</p>
George Peterson Insurance	Working on clarification of a few lines of non-coverage language regarding child "day camps" that is written into the policy. Melinda has been in close communication with the agents and is working though the last bits of getting the policy tailored to our needs.

New Business	
Budget for 50 th Birthday Celebration	Melinda worked up a draft budget with a guestimate of \$1,800 Discussion of various topics: Stage, Power Source, Large Auction Item/Raffle Items, Signage (sandwich boards, not printing a bunch of schedules) Advertising for free for non-profits.
Final Grant Report to Shasta Regional Community Foundation on behalf of Buckeye School of the Arts	McConnell Foundation requested/required a Final Grant Report detailing how the grant funds (\$2,865.00) were distributed and who/what purpose they served. Melinda filled out the necessary packet of forms and submitted it along with some pictures of students who were able to attend thanks to the funding.
Active Transportation Plan	Kathy was inspired by some outside of the box thinking and attended a meeting regarding ways that certain local projects could be funded through active transportation money. Idea was to see if money could be used to fund improvements to Mule Town Rd to act as an alternate access to the campus for potential use in emergency situations. After getting more information it did not seem that active transportation money could be used for a project of this nature.
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:41pm

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm March 23, 2020