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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 28 2022, 6:00 to 7:45pm
 Via Zoom Web-conference**

Present: Kathy Hill, Melinda Kashuba, Francesca Huntsman, Cassie Simons, Tammy Reynolds, Tyler Compton, Ellen Petrick, Jennifer Perrow, Gordon Flynn, Nathan Fairchild

Not Present: Josh Hoines

Discussion

Action Items

Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm	
Approve Minutes/ Agenda Additions and changes	Francesca motioned to approve. Cassie seconded. Motion approved.	
WNRA Report: Tyler Compton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Volunteer position filled- James. He will generate foundational documents, plan out volunteer databases and plan large and small community events. ● Seasonal Hiring- ongoing, hiring 2 YCC crews this summer, local high school students ages 15-18 years old. ● Ranger programs- going extremely well. Community attendance numbers are way up. Had to implement an email sign-up system to curb over attendance on ranger hikes. ● Tyler shared recent photos of BLM's testing of the concrete release valve at Crystal Creek. 	Melinda- Tyler will send James' email to invite to next month's meeting.

Board of Directors

Kathy Hill Melinda Kashuba, PhD
 Francesca Huntsman Cassandra Simons

WES Liaison -

SCOE Liaison – Nathan Fairchild WNR Liaison – Tyler Compton

<p>SCOE Update: Nathan Fairchild</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Outdoor Education Grant is going great and getting state recognition. Gearing up for next year and accepting applications. • WES- staff works for both WES and Planetarium. SCOE is purchasing materials for both programs. The WES staff room was remodeled and is ready for the day program to utilize. • Project SHARE is potentially going to be able to operate and staff a summer camp. • Nate will be attending Jacobs/NPS March 11th meeting and invite Dan Ostrowski (SCOE-M&O Director) to the meeting. 	
<p>Friends of Whiskeytown: Tammy Reynold</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer program- ordered life vests for summer kayak program. • Board has been meeting regularly. Traveled to Chico and met with a Whiskey distillery, update to come. • Planning a 20th Anniversary of FOW for this summer- June 4th, dinner, dancing, and silent auction event. • FOW will be participating in the rodeo and Christmas parades this year. 	<p>Everybody- Contact Tammy if you know anyone who may want to donate to silent auction</p> <p>Kathy- Coordinate WES camp themed basket to include in silent auction</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hill</p>	<p>Since last meeting on January 24th, 2022 Current Balance \$45,730.6 (Tri Counties Bank) Deposits totaling: \$30,690.37 Expenditures totaling \$7,759.58</p> <p>Amended figures: see treasurer's report in minutes for 4-25-22</p> <p>- Set up to have electronic transfers to the Morgan Stanley account free of charge.</p>	
<p>Old-going Business</p>		
<p>Capital Campaign Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of the Capital Campaign meeting- Sat. Mar. 3rd @ Turtle Bay/ WES. Jennifer Perrow led sessions streamlining communications and action plan of capital campaign. • 3 potential plans were developed: 	

All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (1st) Plan A: “7 Year Camp Site”- temporary solution to get kids back on site involved in program as soon as possible. ○ (2nd) Plan B: “Wait and See”- wait until (x) amount of federal funding is available ○ (3rd) Plan C: “County Fair”- 70% infrastructure; 30% amenities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jennifer- Takeaways from meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team is very capable ○ WES is a wonderful campus ○ Generated a long list of why WES camp matters and what kids gain by being there, and its importance to community ○ Urgency to start program because 5,000 kids are missing out each year on WES experience 	
2022 Budget Kathy/ Melinda	Melinda shared a proposed budget for the upcoming year outlining the potential costs of the capital campaign	
Proposed update to bylaws	Proposed updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WES Board can be 3-11 people. Proposed to add Director At Large position (non-voting). Section 9 in by-laws. Propose to move Section 9 - to section 10. ● Proposed to change Bylaws Article 5 Officers (page 9): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 10: Directors At Large ○ Section 11: Compensation <p>Kathy motioned; Cassie seconded. Motion passed.</p>	Francesca- Update changes to By-Laws Section 10 and 11
New Business		
The Campbell Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Possible grant opportunity ● D. Keith Campbell- passion for healthy bays. Funds projects in Maryland (Chesapeake Bay) and Northern California (Bay Area/ Sacramento River)- about \$5.5 million/ year 	Melinda- connect with Ellen about applying for grant

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grant- due at the end of March, limit \$25,000 (first ask). Submit electronic through Sales Force ● Potential for subsequent funding ● ACDC funded in part the WSRCD to build the restoration on Clear Creek to have the salmon return 	
Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Insurance is up to date ● Applying to a new insurance company based in Santa Cruz 	
Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shasta College is hosting a grant writing and resource development class taught by Amy Schuetter ● 4 online sessions (2 hrs. each) in March ● Proposed to send a few members @ \$99/ ea. <p>Kathy motioned to make up to \$400 available for the grant team to enroll in this class. Cassie seconded. Motion passed.</p>	
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:45 pm	
note taker	Cassie Simons	

Next meeting 6:00pm March 28, 2022 via zoom