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WES COMMUNITY

An independent non-profit dedicated to supporting outdoor education at Whiskeytown Environmental School

Meeting Notes
WES Community Board
DATE: March 28, 2022, 6:00 to 7:30pm
Via Zoom Web-conference

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Kathy Hill, Francesca Huntsman, Ellen Petrick, Tyler Compton, Josh Hoines, Tammy Reynolds
 Missing: Cassie Simons

	Discussion	Action Items
Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm	
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	February minutes approval tabled until April meeting pending review of income and expenses by Kathy and how to report them accurately. The conundrum is how to reconcile end of month bank statement balance (which comes after our monthly meeting) and then update the statement balance with our actual balance on the our meeting date which occurs prior to the end of the next monthly bank statement.	Treasurer will review statements
WNRA Report: Tyler Compton/Josh Hoines	<p>April 11, for WNRA ribbon cutting to celebrate park's recovery from Carr Fire damage and rebuilding of facilities. New Pacific West-NPS Regional Director Frank Lands is attending and Stephanie Burkhart from SF-NPS. They are touring with Josh throughout park including WES. Discussion of tour ideas/activities at WES that WES Community can present.</p> <p>During National Park Week (third week in April) there will be two public volunteer days to pick up trash throughout the park including the lake.</p> <p>Photographers Curt and Edwige Moses are residing at WNRA these next few weeks to take photographs throughout the park.</p>	

Board of Directors 2022

Kathy Hill · Francesca Huntsman-Siemer
 Melinda Kashuba, PhD · Ellen Petrick · Cassie Simons

Friends of Whiskeytown Liaison - Tammy Reynolds
SCOE Liaison – Nathan Fairchild **WNRA Liaison** – Tyler Compton

SCOE Update: Nathan Fairchild	Field Labs commence 3-29-2022, studying erosion. Spring dates are full, schools coming from a 5-county area. Summer program most probably will get the go ahead from SCOE run by Project Share during four weeks in July-August.	
Friends of Whiskeytown Update: Tammy Reynolds	Still working on Diamonds in the Rough “glamping event” scheduled for June 4 th . Tammy out of town with ill family member so this may postpone the Diamonds in the Rough event. President Don Reynolds wrote grant which may allow FOW to hire someone to write grants.	
Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hill	<p>Bank Balance at last meeting: \$46,099.58</p> <p>Income: \$759.84 from Facebook birthday fundraiser & online donations</p> <p>Expenses: \$11,463.12 for liability insurance, campaign consultant & WES rebuild planning meeting with engineers.</p> <p>Bank Balance as of today, 3-28-2022: \$35,396.30</p> <p>Current accounting system is cash accounting. Our bookkeeper is evaluating a switch to accrual accounting.</p>	
ON-GOING BUSINESS		
Capital Campaign Progress	We have meet with K-2, Sierra Pacific and Community Foundation K-2/Daniel Knott: grant writers will look for grants for us but limited by getting grants to expend monies on federal land.	
	Community Foundation of the North State has about \$200,000 left from Carr Fire funds. Invitation to apply for funds facilitated by Jake Mangas and Gordon Flinn. Melinda presented a 3-page outline to foundation last week requesting these funds. Decision will be forthcoming after May 11 th .	

	Sierra Pacific fund request was submitted by Melinda, we still have no decision. Request was for \$2 million. We may not get a decision until 2 nd fiscal quarter.	
	Communications Committee: Tammy is directing. Group is working on a theme for the capital campaign. Work continues on logo and branding for capital campaign.	
Jennifer Perrow Consulting	Jennifer will reduce her invoices to us until the capital campaign solidifies a direction.	
Planning Meetings for WES rebuild	<p>March 11th meeting at WES: Focus of meeting for engineers is the watershed and the retaining wall by Hatcher Hall before any direction on school reopening can commence. Also focused on cabins, refurbish or bring in portables. Also discussed need to address infrastructure repairs and/or updates.</p> <p>Josh H. at NPS felt meeting was very productive in terms of providing impetus and clarifying what steps need to take place next for the rebuild.</p> <p>Lisa Alliger/Jacobs wants Safety and BAER report, also wants the hydrology data from Paige Boulder Creek. To have a geomorphologist at Jacobs to look at all this information. Goal is to determine what engineering solutions can be developed.</p> <p>Nate: Dan Ostrowski from SCOE/Director of Facilities did research and found out that SCOE can spend money on non-SCOE facilities. Will need approval from SCOE board. NPS will prepare a package to submit to SCOE.</p> <p>Bylaws: Need to be signed by board members to reflect the changes. Francesca will coordinate.</p>	<p>Josh Hoines</p> <p>Josh Hoines</p>
New Business		
Insurance	Changed insurance providers from George Peterson Insurance, changed to Armar Insurance in Yreka. They are the local representatives of Nonprofit Insurance Association of California (NIAC). We obtained more insurance (Director's and Officers, Liability, and Liability for Autos operated for WESC events) for about the same amount of money paid to George Peterson Insurance.	

Website	WES Forever website will move to a tab on the WES Community website.	Francesca will coordinate with Alissa web designer
Community Involvement	<p>Manzanita School PTA is donating \$423 from students as a contribution to WES Community.</p> <p>Picnic for Jacobs on 4-23 at WES is on the schedule, discussion of child and family center activities. SCOE may provide a volunteer to run an activity. Board agreed to pay a similar honorarium to naturalists that participate. We paid honorariums in the past to naturalists who helped during our anniversary events.</p> <p>“Make a Difference Day” WES Comm. scheduled for June 4th coordinated by Catalyst Mentoring (funded by Rotary Clubs). It’s a chance for us to carry our message to the wider public and recruit volunteers</p>	<p>Melinda will acknowledge with thank you letter.</p> <p>Kathy Hill</p>
Grants	Ellen and Melinda are working on the Campbell Foundation application, with goal of doing trail repair work around WES and focusing on the Clear Creek watershed.	
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:36 pm	
Note taker	Francesca Huntsman	

Next meeting 6:00pm April 25, 2022 via zoom