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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: April 25, 2022 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
 Via Zoom

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Ellen Petrick, Francesca Huntsman, Kathy Hill, Nathan Fairchild, Tyler Compton, Julia Lewis, Don Reynolds, Josh Hoines
 Absent: Cassie Simons

Discussion

Action Items

<p>Call to order/Make Introductions</p>	<p>Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM Guest: Julia Lewis Grant School teacher and WES supporter</p>	
<p>Approve Minutes/ Agenda additions and changes</p>	<p>February minutes need revision: February minutes approved but reflect here changes to the treasurer’s report given on that date, 2-28-22</p> <p>CHANGE Bank Balance reported: 1/24/22: \$45,730.60 Bank Balance corrected: 1/24/22: \$23,168.79</p> <p>NO CHANGE Income reported: 1/24/22 \$30,690.37</p> <p>NO CHANGE Expenses reported: 1/24/22 \$7,759.58 Bank Balance at meeting of 2/28/22: \$46,099.58</p> <p>February minutes therefore approved.</p>	

Board of Directors 2022

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

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

	Minutes for March approved.	
Liaison Reports:		
WNRA Report: Tyler Compton/ Josh Hoines	<p>Tyler: Interp. did 10 days of programming during spring break and NPS week including new Tower House programming and ranger guided hikes. Community Volunteer liaison coordinated park clean up totaling 24 hours volunteer hours. Seasonal interp. staff is being hired. Amphitheater improvements finally underway after several years since original request. Friday evening programs will commence at amphitheater for summer.</p> <p>Josh: Improvements taking place throughout the park at Oak Bottom and Brandy Creek.</p>	
SCOE Update: Nathan Fairchild	<p>Nate: Attendance at day programs, attendance expected to be about 900 students by end of school year. Summer program will be provided via Project SHARE. It will be a smaller Summer program than years past. Uncertain if WES Summer program will return in 2023 or keep Project Share Program in place. Project Share serves certain schools with after school programs in underserved communities. Those children and families will be invited first to the summer program. Clear summer safety protocols have been developed.</p> <p>The field labs have been short on staffing, SCOE central office staff have been filling in as needed.</p> <p>Nate meeting with Dan Ostrowski from facilities, to make a second request for WES portables. Initial request turned down. There may be \$50,000 in funding from SCOE board if Dan and Nate create a package to properly jumpstart some facilities or site prep there such as electrical and leach field.</p>	Nathan/Dan

<p>Friends of Whiskeytown: Don Reynolds</p>	<p>Upcoming fundraiser now moved to October 8th, 2022. Street party planning for fall is ongoing. Planning on attending Redding Rodeo and Cottonwood Rodeo parade to raise awareness of FOWI. Applied for National Park Foundation grant to hire a staff person, awaiting word on grant request.</p>	<p>Don Reynold</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hill</p>	<p>April Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance at last meeting, 3/28/22: \$35,396.30 Income reported: \$827.26 Expenses reported: \$8,617.95 Bank Balance today's meeting, 4/25/22: \$27,605.61 Refund received from previous insurance company after we changed insurance carriers.</p>	
<p>On-going Business</p>		
<p>Capital Campaign Melinda</p>	<p>April 6th and April 13th meetings resulted in development of short and long-term goals for rebuilding WES. April 13th met with Jennifer to plan draft campaign plan. April 16th is slated for the first draft of capital campaign brochure. April 20th Kathy & Francesca met with Jefferson Thomas of Jefferson Thomas Creative to review contract for logo design. April 20th, Melinda, Tim Hill, & Gordon met with Josh Hoines/NPS to discuss short term, stepping stone plan at WES. April 21st, Gordon, Tim Hill and Melinda met with Nathan at SCOE to discuss interim plan and review</p>	

	<p>needs to furnish WES temporary structures as many furnishings lost in fire or deteriorated.</p> <p>SCOE will also explore if any unused, temporary structures could be brought out, leasing and ownership if they stay there while construction goes on over possible a decade.</p> <p>NPS is doing a conditions assessment of cabins, electrical and sewage/leach field systems. NPS engineer evaluating Paige Boulder Creek potential threat to Hatcher Hall.</p>	
Kathy	<p>April 20th, met with Jefferson Thomas Creative to discuss graphics and print materials for capital campaign. Next meeting on April 27th to review the logo, the short brochure and postcards for the start of capital campaign.</p>	Kathy and Francesca
Francesca	<p>Newsletter will go out in the next week, print and digital. Changes to the website completed. WES Forever web page now transferred to WES Community and WES FOREVER will be deactivated as a separate web page.</p>	Francesca
Francesca	<p>Bylaws amendments discussed in 2-28-2022 meeting have been signed and everyone will receive a digital copy reflecting changes.</p>	Francesca
Manzanita School	<p>Students raised approximately \$482.00 (all K-5 grades participated) in this fundraiser. Nate mentioned that nearly every grade from this school has visited the Planetarium or WES or both this year. The naturalists will create a short “thank you” video to air at the school for their generous donation.</p>	
New Business		

Open House	<p>May 12th , Jacobs engineering. The 12th is brown bag lunch at Jacobs and WESC will give presentation on rebuild progress</p> <p>May 14th Open House for Jacobs staff at WES to engage and encourage staff to become WES supporters.</p>	Kathy
Storage	Issues with vandalism at WES: Should we continue to store WES Community materials at WES? Discussion tabled as Board members mull this over.	
NPS work plan	<p>Discussion: How to incorporate WES and WES Community goals with those of NPS? Discussion on WES demographics and how they serve NPS meet their goals. Nathan shared school data demographic link: https://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/</p> <p>Important to note: SCOE serves 24 out of 26 local districts that come to WES. It also serves schools from 5 surrounding counties. They are rural counties and reaching a high percentage of underserved youth.</p> <p>Josh shared the WNRA and NPS mission statements.</p>	
Maker Event	June 4 th Maker event , we need volunteers. We will make bee houses. Will take place at United Way Building near Quartz Hill and Benton Drive in Redding.	Francesca, Kathy, Melinda
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:23 pm	
Note taker	Francesca Huntsman	

Next meeting 6:00 PM May 23, 2022 via zoom