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WES COMMUNITY

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

WES Community Meeting Notes
Monday, Dec 5 2022; 6:00 to 7:30pm
Via Zoom Web-conference

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Francesca Huntsman, Kathy Hill, Tim Hill, Cassie Simons, Ellen Petrick, Nathan Fairchild (SCOE), Tyler Compton (NPS), James (NPS)

Not Present:

Discussion

Action Items

	Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm	
Melinda	Approval Oct 24 minutes. Kathy Hill motions to approve the minutes, Cassie Seconds. Review of meeting agenda.	
Liaison Reports		
NPS (Tyler/ James)	NPS- activities at Park are starting to slow down. They are starting to hire new Interp staff for next summer season. General ranger positions open as well. A new CVA will be starting soon and will be a local hire. Sat ranger hikes have begun and a few education programs have occurred. The wet season has caused roads to open and close with snow. Furloughs coming up as well, many staff off for weeks/months. Rich gulch trail and bottom of Brandy creek are getting ready to open (but not to mountain bikes). James-1 Park Steward out on trails, monitoring and cleaning trails. He is looking for more local people to participate in this program. He will be moving back to the East Coast soon.	

Board of Directors

Kathy Hill Melinda Kashuba, PhD
 Francesca Huntsman Cassandra Simons

WES Liaison -

SCOE Liaison – Nathan Fairchild WNRA Liaison – Tyler Compton

SCOE (Nate)	<p>SCOE- The Field Lab Program had a great fall season, more than last year. They are currently revising and modifying lessons and looking for a second water spot. Jan. 1- hiring another staff member (advertised on Ed Join).</p> <p>SCOE discovered that it is possible for SCOE and School Districts to contribute funds to the WES program. Nate is attending meetings to discuss the possibilities in future weeks. Melinda will be meeting with Metals Direct next week.</p>	
FOW	No representative present and no news to report.	
Treasurer's Report (Kathy)	<p>The Statement of Position and Statement of activity to the end of November 2022 are available upon request to the public interested in these reports.</p> <p>Our Bank Balance today is \$247,906.78 as of 12/5/22 activity from 11/1 to 11/30: + \$3,130.60 deposits -\$12,289.20 expenses</p> <p>per our statement of Activity from January to November 2022 Grow Back Stronger Rebuild donations total \$31,095.76</p> <p>Giving Tuesday Total \$25,695 total to be deposited in December</p> <p>\$31,095.76 + \$25,695= \$56,790.76 raised to rebuild in 2022</p>	
Old Business		
Giving Tuesday	<p>Fundraising wrap up: 96 different donors contributed, totaling \$25,695. 12 volunteers facilitated peer-to-peer social media connections starting 2 weeks prior to Giving Tuesday. Francesca sent-out paper thank you letters.</p>	
Capital Campaign (Melinda, Kathy, Francesca)	<p>There are 3 upcoming scheduled mailings: 12/15 a paper appeal, 12/26 email appeal with video and again right before New Year's.</p> <p>Upcoming presentation to the Breakfast Lions (20-25 people).</p> <p>Upcoming presentations in the Elk Club (January 11th) and AAW (January 14th)</p> <p>Ellen is working on a smaller informational brochure to hand out at presentations.</p>	

5c. Completion of Eligibility Report (Melinda)	Completion of eligibility report is done (Christine Avery Report).	Melinda- Send out report to board to review
5d. Project Development Update (Tim)	Surveyors came out to the site Weds. They are returning next week to finish surveys. Tim shared the "WES Project Review" document (generated with NPS) detailing steps that need to be taken with the progress of rebuilding the site. This is a complex progress list with each individualized project identified, GIS images and graphs.	
New Business Discussion regarding Metals Direct (Melinda, Tim)	NPS met with Metals Direct. Plans and Specs have been hashed out. Metals Direct will be providing a contract in a few weeks. The WES board discussed which fund would be appropriate to use for this leg of the project. The board will decide at a later date.	
Discussion of the Brandon Anderson contract for grant searches (Melinda)	Brandon Anderson was highly recommended to the board as a grant seeker. He has experience and access to high quality databases. He will identify grants that WES Community can apply for. WES is seeking specific monies for specific items off of the project list. His contract is for 15 hours, \$200/hour. Francesca motions to create a contract with Brandon Anderson for 15 hours. Cassie seconds; motion passes.	
WESC credit card (Kathy)	Kathy is applying for a credit card for WES Community. This will be used for online subscriptions instead of the current debit card. This may affect many recurring online subscriptions.	Francesca/ Kathy - Identify recurring online subscriptions and switch to credit card payments.
d. Possible Nov 2023	Melinda spoke with Nathan Knudson- Redding Trail Alliance. He wants to have mountain bike race	

event at WES with Redding Trails Alliance	throughout the park, headquartered at WES. He wants to partner with WES Community for this event. No official date or plan has been set. WES Community is presenting to RTA in February.	
Announcements	WES Gala- changed date to Saturday June 3rd (to not compete with other fundraisers in the area). Ellen is posting this information on community calendars.	
	Presentations: Dec 8 to Redding Breakfast Lions- in person, Jan. 11th- Elks Club, Jan. 14th -AAUW	
note taker	Cassie Simons	

Next meeting 6:00-7:30 January 23rd, 2022