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WES COMMUNITY

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

**WES Community Meeting Notes
 Monday, March 27 2023; 6:00 to 7:30pm
 Via Zoom Web-conference**

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Francesca Huntsman, Cassie Simons, Ellen Petrick, Tyler Compton (NPS)

Not Present: Kathy Hill, Josh Hoines, FOW Rep, SCOE Rep.

	Discussion	Action Items
Melinda	Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM	
Approve Minutes Agenda & Changes	Approval of February Minutes: Francesca motions to approve and Cassie seconds. Motion passes. Approval of tonight's agenda: Cassie motions to approve the agenda. Francesca seconds. Motion passes.	
Liaison Reports		
NPS (Tyler/ Josh)	Whiskeytown NP has had 62 inches of rain to date this season, with more inches predicted in the next few days. Major trails remain closed due to small scale landslides from rain. New permanent staff in the visitors center. Seasonal staff crews have started. New trails will be used by mountain bikers and have been maintained by Redding Trail Alliance. New Chief of Law Enforcement coming for a 4 month term to work at park. A group of Interpretive Rangers visited CA State Parks centered around Gold Rush and Native American history and stories. Whiskeytown staff were inspired to revise interpretation and update Native American history for accuracy WNRA.	

Board of Directors

Kathy Hill Melinda Kashuba, PhD
 Francesca Huntsman Cassandra Simons

WES Liaison -

SCOE Liaison – Nathan Fairchild WNRA Liaison – Tyler Compton

		<p>First ponderosa tree planting in Brandy Creek happened last week and is scheduled again for this Saturday.</p> <p>Melinda- Good news, the SHIPPO report for WES showed that we have no culturally significant buildings at WES.</p>	
SCOE (Nate)		Field labs are going well and better weather is anticipated this spring.	
FOW Melinda for FOW		<p>Diamonds in the Rough fundraiser being planned: July 28th at Win River Casino</p> <p>Poker Paddle Fundraiser is being planned for the beginning of summer.</p>	
Treasurer's Report (Kathy)		<p>Feb bookkeeping reconciled: Beginning balance: \$261,082.17 Ending balance: \$258,496.61 Bank deposits: \$6,352.45 Bank debts: \$8,938.01</p> <p>March 27th \$235,591.66 (balance as of end of day) Two payments to SHN (Feb and March)</p>	
Old Business			
5a. Capital Campaign		<p>To date (donations, grants, gifts in kind) \$492,737.00</p> <p>\$26,000 grant from US Forest Service was approved. Paperwork due at the U.S.F.S by April 21st.</p> <p>Spring Sprint: June 3rd is on hold and contracts associated are on hold. In conversation for fall.</p> <p>Working on 1 on 1 groups. Next month- Redding Lions (April 6th) Francesca is working with GBK- owners of Ace Hardware stores. Working on a June round up. Can work on ads, waiting on posting. Gordon recommends using the ACE logo instead of name. Publicize with media outlets: Result Radio- Beth Tappin Lynn Fritz</p>	<p>Reach out to Results Radio- Beth Tappin Melinda</p>

5b. Update on Metals Direct deliverables	Tim and Kathy	Melinda spoke to Analisa- main contact and Architect William. They finished exterior plans today. They are working on a materials list and then to cost analysis. Working on Title 24 heating and cooling specs.	
5c. RAC Grant Update		Forms finished by April 21st.	
5d. Grants (Melinda, Ellen)		Ellen reviewed the top 4-5 potential grants. Roy Melendez at United Way contacted Melinda and shared a list of potential grant sources. He is very supportive and appreciates environmental education.	
5e. Update on T-Shirt Sales at Enjoy Store (Francesca)		Harmony Gugino, former naturalist, volunteered to be the t-shirt liaison.	
5f. Earth Day (Melinda)A		11am-4pm at Caldwell Park, Sat, April 22nd. Need table, canopy, and literature.	Cassie- Get button maker materials together
5g.WES/ Shasta Land Trust (Melinda)		WES/ Shasta Land Trust May 6th at Whiskeytown. Family day as part of Wild Ways Events. Bring lunches; free snow cones and popcorn. April 5th meeting with SLT staff for planning the event.	
New Business			
6a. Contract with Morgan Designs (Melinda)		Morgan Designs, 3D visuals for inside of cabin. Forte is video work, proposed to have a 30 second video and 2 minute tour to present so people can get a visual of what the building will actually look like. Lighting will be reflected accurately. \$7,500 for the entire contract. (Mike Morgan's Designs. com) Francesca motions to approve the contract. Cassie Seconded. Motion approved.	

6b.		<p>Justine bookkeeper- indicated that the IRS might flag us because we raised so much money last year. Suggests we hire another company to review our donations.</p> <p>DH Scott, Local can take Non-Profit, quoted at between \$5,000-\$7,000- out of general funds. Can send files over electronically. Will vote on the contract later after the meeting.</p> <p>May 15th is the deadline to file taxes for non-profit.</p>	
Announcements			
7a.		<p>Meeting April 5 @ 9 AM with Shasta Land Trust to discuss May 6 "Kids Nature Exploration Day"</p>	
7b.		<p>Presentation to Redding Lions Club, April 6, 2023 at 11:30 PM at Lulu's Eating and Drinking Establishment, Redding.</p>	
7c.		<p>National Park Foundation – Spring 2023 Virtual Friends Alliance Meeting, April 13, 2023 (12 PM – 5 PM ET)</p>	
note taker		<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.</p> <p>Cassie Simons</p>	

Next meeting 6:00-7:30 April 27th, 2023