OLESS Board Meeting Minutes

(Old Lyle Elementary School Supporters)

Mission Statement: Working together to preserve and maintain the Old Lyle Elementary School Building and Park as an activity center and green space and to improve the quality of life for the Lyle Community.

January 5, 2015 6:00 PM

Facilitator: Rita Pinchot Note Taker: Cindy Bluemel

Attendees: Barb Sexton

Mildred Lykens Don Starkin
Laurece Bonam Marcia Buser
Vern Harpole Allie Spino

Ralf Bluemel Sherri Starkin

Guest Speaker: Allie Spino from Klickitat came to report approximately how much money the Klickitat Trail Fundraiser earned. The estimated donation to OLESS will be \$1,686.00.

Linda Esaacson has been coordinating this activity and she will be stepping down. Allie is helping out but she was looking for a co-chair person from Lyle to help out. Vern said he knew some people and he would contact them.

Budget and Treasurer's Report:

Barb reported that the income for December was \$3,090.00. \$920.00 was rental income. \$871.00 was the grant for lighting and the rest was donations.

Expenses were \$1,490.78 for the month. The check book balance is \$8,115.12.

Budget items were discussed. Items that needed to be increased were PUD electric and water, Porta Potty and garbage. Items that can be reduced are insurance and event funding. Barb took notes on suggestions and will continue working on a budget for the next meeting.

Building and Maintenance:

Rita asked for a possible estimate to fix the nurse's office. Vern estimated \$1500 which included a window, heater and air conditioner.

Rite then made a list of items that were the most pressing to get fixed. The list follows in priority order with estimate.

- 1. Fuse box for power to the pavilion (\$1500)
- 2. Nurse's office redo (\$1500)
- 3. Principal's office redo (\$5000)
- 4. Roof repair (tarps are already purchased) (\$1000)
- 5. Lights in the Riverside Room (\$2000)

Barb made a motion that we take the money from the Klickitat Trail Fundraiser and use it to pay for the Fuse Box. There was a general agreement. Then Marcia made a motion that OLESS go ahead and get the fuse box fixed using the roof money and pay the account back with the Trail fundraiser. The board agreed.

Vern offered to contact Mark from Big River Electric.

Plans were also made at this time to complete the work on the lighting to follow the grant stipulations. Rita will order the sign. Marcia will order the lights. The board agreed to have Barb pay the 5% grant fee to CEKE.

The occupancy permit was discussed. Sherri offered to follow up on that.

Events:

Cindy gave a report on the progress of the Chocolate Festival happening in February. There will be chocolate tastings which Karen Harpole and Sherri are working on. Rita is helping to coordinate a baking contest with the high school students. There will be 4 chocolate demonstrations. In between times there will be chocolate related YouTube videos in the middle room. The entrance fee is \$5.00. Vendor fee is \$20.00.

Greenspace:

Barb reported that she had purchased three trees for Matthew Petty's memorial. Marcia said she would coordinate getting them planted. Barb is going to contact Matthew's family to schedule a service. If it is held in the spring it will be almost a year since his death.

Electing Officers:

Elections are postponed indefinitely and the board feels good about having interim pro tem presidents for the time being. Vern offered to run the next months meeting which will be Feb 2nd, at 6:00 PM. It was suggested that Norm run the meeting in March.