

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.

May 4, 2015 6:00 PM

Facilitator: Cindy Bluemel	Note Taker: Cindy Bluemel
Attendees: Norm White	
Barb Sexton	Julie Larson
Don Starkin	Mildred Lykens
Laurece Bonam	Ralf Bluemel
Gloria Archuletta	Vern Harpole
Frank Phillips (509-281 1072)	Zac Bruce (509 310 9265)
Amanda Richards and family	Angela Kruger and Cynnamon Hawkins

Visitors: Amanda Richards spoke about the Homesteading Fair which will be held at the LAC on Sept 19 this year. The fair organizers are looking for volunteers to help out with trash collection and entertainment suggestions. They requested that we find a way on the south-east portion of the park to allow emergency vehicles to enter the park. A pie baking contest is being organized. Amanda asked OLESS to partner with them on this contest. More discussion will follow on this issue and a response made to Amanda.

Angela and Cynnamon were at the meeting to help coordinate visits to the area by the Book Mobile. The FVRL bookmobile has a program for reading enrichment that can be implemented if they have access to the building every other week. Angela and Cynnamon also want access on the off weeks to provide a community program for the local children. The board was open to the idea and encouraged them. They are going to coordinate with the regional library board to get this program going. Cindy will keep in touch with them and facilitate the scheduling of the building.

Treasurer's Report:

The report has a line item that includes the Grant for the Community Garden. It was explained to the board that Julie Larson submitted the grant for the school but CEKC placed the money in our account for ease of use.

The income for April was \$660.00 and the expenses were \$422.75. The usable amount in the account is approximately \$4,700.00 without the community garden money and the money held in reserve for the roof project.

When Barb got the last water bill from the PUD we had a \$69.00 credit. The suggestion from the PUD is to wait and see if our water usage this summer warrants more payments. So we will wait and see.

Barb saw that the cleaning person had done some work and she paid her but the board decided to try to work with a student from the high school for some of the cleaning work. Julie offered to again post the job position at the school and then we can follow the same outline as was accomplished with hiring the groundskeeper.

Don Starkin spoke about the recent audit he had completed on the books. Everything looks good and the records were clear. His concern was that last summer there was a lot of work done on the building and only a few receipts were turned in. The board discussed how they can move to a system where payments are only made when a receipt is turned in with a name on it. Don reported that the paint job that Oren completed last year cost a total of \$8,500.00. That number surprised most board members. There still remains some items that Oren has that need to be returned to the LAC. It was decided to ask Marcia to speak to him.

NoteBetween the April meeting and this meeting Cindy and Norm interviewed Zac and Frank for the groundskeeper position. With an email exchange Cindy suggested that the board offer Zac the groundskeeping job for April through October and to offer Frank a job (\$500) doing special projects like repairing sprinkler heads. The board voted via email in the affirmative.

Upcoming Rentals and Events:

The Focus Group was discussed. It is scheduled for May 19th, at 4:00PM. The event is by invitation and Cindy will be leading the discussion. Board members were encouraged to invite someone who would be new to OLESS. They will need to call or email Cindy to secure their spot. Cheesecake will be the refreshment unless other plans are made.

The KLASAC dinner will also be held on the 19th. It will be at the Lions Club at 5:30 and it will be a good opportunity for the community to support the work of this group.

The Top Gear Driving School will start classes at the LAC on June 20th. They meet three days a week.

An exercise class will begin at the LAC on May 18th at 8:00AM. When approached on this subject the board decided not to charge a rental fee since the instructors are not asking for a fee either. The board felt this program fit the mission statement that no fee would be required, at least for 6 months.

Elections:

Cindy was elected as the President, Norm was elected as the Vice-President, Marcia was elected as the Secretary and Barb was elected as the Treasurer.

Building and Green space Issues:

Cindy offered to follow up on the security lighting project. Zac reported trouble getting his equipment to work on the weeds. Barb made a motion that OLESS pay for a new weed eater and the repair work on her lawn mower. The limit for this motion was \$200.00. The motion passed.

Norm made a motion that the board pay for new sprinkler heads and pipe for Frank's project. The amount was \$300.00. The motion passed.

Vern reported back on asking the school board for more help with the park. They listened but decided not to do anything.

Cindy suggested that a Glass Committee be formed to get an accurate description of the glass that is in the boiler room and to put the glass for sale on Craig's list. Vern, Don and Ralf volunteered to be on the Glass Committee. They will report their progress at the next meeting.

Gloria brought up an issue that came from Fern Johnson about fencing the entire park for safely with children and animals. The board discussed the benefits and possible complications. Fern has offered to help with the funding of this project. Gloria was asked to follow up on this project.

Gloria also suggested OLESS employ a professional painter to finish the paint job. No decision was made.

Strategic Meeting:

A mini strategic meeting was held to discuss goals and for clarification.

When asked which was more important (to the board, the mission and the community) the green space or the building, it was pointed out that that one cannot exist without the other.

When asked if it matters if the building does not end up retaining its original character and can changes be made to the look of the building...the answer was YES. It seems like the more important forces in this respect are cost and functionality.

More to follow.

The next meeting will be on June 1st at 6:00PM.