

Nine Mile Community Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 10, 2015

**Board Members Present:** Carolyn Demin, Morris Eisert, Steve King, Karen Murphy, Betty Oleson, Lisa Schweigert, Sharon Sweeney, Shirley Weaver

**Board Members Absent:** Jason Spaid

President Sharon Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Sharon asked if there were any additions to the agenda. The agenda was approved.

**MINUTES:** Minutes for May 6, 2015 were approved as amended (language clarifying John Hart did not provide a legal opinion regarding NMCC's authority to negotiate an easement with Richard Emery was added).

Correspondence: Thank you notes were signed for the June 6, 2015 photography workshop for Mike Albans and Sara Ehlen; Condolence notes were signed for David Pontrelli and Norman Schweizer.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Carolyn Demin read her Treasurer's report, which was approved. Reimbursements to Lisa Schweigert for a gallon of white paint and to Carolyn Demin for the annual corporate filing with the Montana Secretary of State remain unpaid. Sharon Sweeney gave the treasurer \$450 for the photography workshop enrollment fees. The Missoula Electric Cooperative capital credits have been received but not deposited.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Event Schedule

Healthy Acres Seminar – May 30, 2015 (Weed District and Five Valleys Land Trust). At least 45 people attended. The Weed District offered to pay nominal rent for the use of the School House; an invoice for \$85 was submitted.

Photography Workshop – June 6, 2015. Attended by 18 people; participants were very diverse. Each seminar offered appeals to a unique part of the community.

Native Plant Tour – Scheduled for June 13, 2015, limited to members of the Native Plant Society and local landowners and sponsored by the Montana Land Reliance, the participant list is full at 45.

Burns Wedding – June 20, 2015. Sharon Sweeney, Lisa Schweigert and Betty Oleson will meet Sunday, May 14 at 10:00 am to burn the debris pile, spray weeds and make sure the School House is ready. Morris Eisert volunteered to mow the grounds.

Craft Fair – Sharon Sweeney is meeting with Bobbe Almer next week for an update.

B. Property Line Encroachment – Steve King will draft two documents each granting and receiving easements between the Nine Mile Community Center and the Emery's. The documents will cross-reference each other, and both will be revocable. When Sharon Sweeney sent an email to the Emery's outlining the terms of the exchange of easements, they responded positively immediately. The Emery's will pay all filing fees.

D. Grants – Parks and Trails grant – It was agreed to proceed with Phase I, Electrical repairs to the Pavilion and School House. Funding includes the Schneider \$300 donation, \$300 from Carolyn Demin and temporarily restricted funds for the pavilion. Sharon reviewed a list of repairs (mystery basement switch, outdoor lights above the front and rear entrances, labeling circuits). It was agreed all were important tasks which need to be completed. Steve King and Morris Eisert will meet the electrician June 17. Their time should be recorded as volunteer time towards match for the grant.

Red Ants Pants Foundation – Sharon received a nice note declining to fund the NMCC proposal.

E. Centennial Planning – It was agreed approximately \$2,000 needs to be raised for music and \$1,000 for tri-tip steaks and brochures. Carolyn Demin again offered to provide Lisa Schweigert her mailing list of former Nine Mile residents used for the Pavilion branding.

Sharon described developing a brochure/agenda for the event with historic photos and “fun facts.” Karen Murphy said she would add the information to the website. A second brochure on “ways to support the Nine Mile Community Center” will be developed by Betty Oleson. The organizing committee needs to meet.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. AmazonSmile – Steve King requested a voided check to provide the website with deposit information for donations. Steve said he sent a test email message to the address on the NMCC website and did not receive a reply. He hesitates to list it on the AmazonSmile application. Karen Murphy and Steve King will try to occasionally check the email inbox.

#### **B. General Updates –**

- Sharon Sweeney asked if anyone knew about a key which could unlock what appears to be a box used to collect ballots during elections. Carolyn Demin suggested the key ring in the basement storage room file cabinet.<sup>1</sup>
- Church Bell Repairs – Materials have been purchased and the work is scheduled for the end of June. Two community members have each pledged \$300 for the repairs. A locked box for the bell-ringing rope will be included. Maintenance instructions will be received.
- Dwarf Spruce Trees – Carol Guthrie, in a conversation with Carolyn Demin, felt it best to continue using freshly cut trees for the Christmas Eve event, but sink permanent tree stands into the ground, removing the need to use buckets. Shirley Hager expressed an interest in planting a western larch. Newly planted trees could be aligned with a “driving lane” to the Emery property parking area.
- Propane Tank Purchase – As a result of her fifth trip to Northern Energy, Sharon Sweeney was told the purchase plan is back in place (originally scheduled for \$250/year for ten years). For the years when the payments were at a lesser rental cost, Northern Energy will donate the difference received to the purchase. Steve King asked how we remember and track this obligation, which should be included in the “maintenance book.” Betty Oleson volunteered to research the payment history for the record. Sharon reminded everyone to ensure the thermostat is turned down low after each event; one of the thermostats was at 69 degrees when she arrived for the Healthy Acres seminar. Steve King volunteered to request a “summer fill” of propane.
- Marketing – To be discussed after the Centennial.
- Nine Mile House Sign – Morris Eisert reported Scott McWatters at the Nine Mile Road House remains interested in sharing resources for a new sign. It was agreed a meeting will be set up between Scott and members of the board. Betty Oleson asked about ongoing rumors the Nine Mile House is up for sale, and cautioned about negotiating with an owner who may not be operating in the near future. Morris and Carolyn Demin provided assurances the Nine Mile House is not for sale.<sup>2</sup>
- Shirley Weaver’s Resignation – Everyone expressed how much Shirley Weaver will be missed. Possible replacements were discussed (Pamala Schneider, Julie Proza, and Mike Knopik).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE** – July 8, 2015

**Adjournment** at 8:30 pm

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<sup>1</sup> And the key was indeed on the ring!

<sup>2</sup> Note Windermere ad, page F5, Missoulian, Sunday, June 21, 2015 with ad offering the Nine Mile Road House for sale at a price of \$399,950 (Geoff Oriet, agent).