

Nine Mile Community Center
Board of Directors Meeting
August 13, 2014

Board Members Present: Carolyn Demin, Morris Eisert, Betty Oleson, Sharon Sweeney, Shirley Weaver

Board Members Absent: Craig Belanger, Karen Murphy, Jason Spaid

President Sharon Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. The liability insurance policy was added.

MINUTES: Because a quorum was not present, the minutes for June 11, July 9 and July 20, 2014 were postponed until the next Board meeting. Correspondence: A letter to Bobbe Almer was signed, thanking her for her amazing work on the last three Craft Fairs.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carolyn Demin read her Treasurer's Report. The \$3,000 Montana History Foundation grant was not listed as being restricted in any of the accounts, which will be corrected. Approval was deferred until a quorum is present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Event Schedule

Wildlife Appreciation Day – The July 19, 2014 event was attended by 35 people.

Schneider Wedding – Carolyn Demin and Morris Eisert will conduct the pre-event orientation August 21. The family asked to do the decorating on Thursday, which was granted. This is a mid-day event, with the wedding scheduled for 11:00 am.

Eck Wedding – Sharon Sweeney has met twice with the mother. The wedding group plans to leave the grounds by 8:00 pm and resume the celebration in Petty Creek.

Designating smoking areas including buckets filled with sand was discussed. Betty Oleson suggested smoking not be allowed during Stage I fire restrictions. Sharon Sweeney will ask the Forest Service for fire prevention posters.

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Sharon Sweeney will send a message to the neighbors soliciting their edits to the contract. The wedding schedule has been provided to Mike Albans; in the future it should also be sent to the Wellborns and Stanley-O'Herren household, as well as being posted on the website. See New Business.

Landscaping—Morris Eisert presented a \$2,605 bid for 35 shrubs, a \$1,538 bid for 18 shrubs, and a \$1,896 bid (within our budget) for 22 shrubs, including drip irrigation. Shirley Hager was disappointed by the location of the Fat Albert tree behind the church and suggested adding lilac bushes on the SW corner/side of the School House. Water, septic, propane and power lines need to be located before digging. Five votes in favor of the \$1,896 bid and additional lilac bushes were received. The absent board members will be canvassed for their votes.

Carolyn Demin said she contacted Justin Bay to fix the church bell. The flickers also need to be evicted and the damage patched. It was not reported when Mr. Bay is available to do the work.

Windows Project – Sharon Sweeney reported the windows need to be measured for the custom construction of the storm windows. It will cost \$3,765 for six windows. Since a quorum was not present, Shirley Weaver and Betty Oleson added their votes to the July 9, 2014 motion in support of moving forward with the storm window project.

Craft Fair – Shirley Weaver and Betty Oleson added their votes to the July 9, 2014 motion to increase the vendor table fees from \$25 to \$30. The July 9 motion was passed without a quorum and the vendor information was distributed with the higher price, contradicting prior board action June 11, 2014. Bobbe Almer agreed to edit and update publicity notices for this year's Craft Fair.

Election – Carolyn Demin asked Glen Babcock to be a candidate. Betty will send Glen Babcock, Craig Belanger and Justin Spaid their biographies to be updated for the newsletter. Steve King's bio has been received.

Sharon Sweeney read the election section of the Bylaws, which includes process information that needs to be observed. Sharon also announced Matt Potter and Bob Brugh resigned from the board. Bob returned his keys; Matt needs to be contacted and his keys returned. Carolyn Demin requested letters of resignation from Matt Potter and Bob Brugh.¹

ACTION ITEMS Update:

- **Website committee** – Karen Murphy, Sharon Sweeney, Margo Mitchell and Bobbe Almer met Monday, July 14, 2014. Bobbe offered to rebuild the website. The site can be free with ads or ad free for \$100/year. Those present preferred paying \$100 for no ads; a sixth vote is necessary.
- **Assemble binder with pertinent building maintenance information** – Tabled.
- **Explore small engine repair workshop** – This project is on hold, with insufficient time to plan it for this fall; perhaps next spring.
- **Convene rental agreement committee** – The committee will meet Sunday, November 9 at 3:00 pm, location to be determined. As discussed above, Sharon will ask the neighbors for their editorial input on the contract. Carolyn Demin reminded the board the neighbors want to attend this committee meeting.
- **Plan Centennial** – Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Newsletter**—It was agreed the election newsletter would provide for an 11:00 am – 2:00 pm time frame. An August 24 deadline was set to receive completed candidate biographies, with the newsletter to be published and distributed the following week.
- b. **Insurance policy** – Sharon Sweeney announced the insurance policy was received, with the invoice for the premium soon to come. The board will be canvassed as to whether the premium should be a single payment or paid in installments.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Set next meeting date – September 10, 2014

Adjournment at 8:30 pm.

¹ The Bylaws do not require written letters of resignation; there is no record of written resignations in the Secretary's files which date back to 1998.