

Nine Mile Community Center
Board of Directors Meeting
March 11, 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 7:05 pm and thanked Morris and Kristi Eisert for hosting the board meeting. Sharon asked if there were any additions to the agenda. The agenda was approved

MINUTES: Minutes for February 11, 2015 were approved (Lisa Schweigert moved and Shirley Weaver seconded). Correspondence included a thank you card to Tim Mondale thanking him for donating the new handrails along the stairs in the School House, and a condolence card for Don Latham.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carolyn Demin read her Treasurer's report. Morris Eisert asked if the restricted funds include money for improvements to the electrical connections on the Pavilion. Morris recommended the breaker box and line to the Pavilion be upgraded. (See further discussion in the Grants agenda below). Steve King moved the Treasurer's report be approved, seconded by Karen Murphy. All were in favor of the motion. Betty Oleson requested the IRS 990 tax return for 2014 be approved and signed by the Treasurer so it can be included with the grant proposal to the Missoula County Parks and Trails office. The 990 was approved and signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Event Schedule

1. CPR Class – Lisa Schweigert is organizing a CPR class for Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m. The charge will be \$25 (reduced from the regular \$35) and covers training aids. The class will be taught by personnel from the Frenchtown Fire District and advertised in the next newsletter. The curriculum has changed for those who may have taken earlier classes.

2. Spring Cleaning – Scheduled for May 2, 2015. Announcements will go out in the newsletter soliciting volunteers for both indoor and outdoor chores, including installation of the new insulated curtains. Volunteers should RSVP to Sharon so she has an idea of available people power for various tasks. (See further discussion below.)

3. Burns Wedding – June 20, 2015, our only wedding so far this year.

4. Knapweed program – August 19, 2015, sponsored by Montana Land Reliance

5. Stark School Centennial/Election – September 19, 2015

Carolyn Demin announced the church bell was inspected by Justin Bay and an interested Six Mile resident.

B. Windows Project – Lisa Schweigert displayed the new curtain rods, tie backs and curtains. Hooks (horseshoes?) for the tie backs have not been selected. It was unanimously agreed Sharon and Lisa did a great shopping job. The new curtains will add insulation, and block light for A-V projection during seminars. The curtains will be installed May 2. Lisa noted there will be lots to do that day (Karen volunteered to bring John Murphy). Disposing of the old storm windows was discussed; a possibility is Home Resource. Lisa offered to provide lunch, coffee and snacks. Morris will bring tall step ladders.

C. Spring Seminars and De-winterizing the School House – It was decided the water and heat will be turned back on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 am. The building will also be vacuumed and the tables and chairs will be setup for the CPR class.

No information has been received to date regarding a Photography workshop. Sharon will follow-up with Jason Spaid.

Betty Oleson was tasked to investigate the possibility of a seminar on native plants. However, the Montana Land Reliance scheduled a program on native plants sited on Rose MacDowell's "cedar swamp." The event will be advertised to the public in the newsletter. It was decided to note the information provided at this program and consider building on it with an NMCC seminar next year.

D. Grants –

- Grants and Trails grant options – Sharon Sweeney laid out the funding and match options for fencing, shrubs/trees, irrigation and electrical improvements on a giant "spreadsheet." Steve King noted there are multiple fuse boxes in the School House. The breakers and lines need to be identified and labeled, and excess boxes decommissioned. And a wall switch is needed in the storeroom. Discussion followed about the amount of restricted funding available (about \$1,200) and the volunteer capacity reasonably available. Steve suggested building in a "contingency" amount and costs for an electrical permit. He also suggested the match be at least slightly more than the 50:50 requirement. Sharon, Steve, Karen and Lisa were thanked for all their work on the grant application.
- Montana History Foundation – The final report for the Windows Campaign is due, with photos, by the end of May.
- Fort Missoula Historical grant – Due late spring or early summer. It was decided to delay applying for funds, knowing this is a good source for monies to repair the foundation and back steps of the School House. Sharon mentioned Milo McLeod is on the board of yet another statewide preservation group, the Montana History Alliance.

E. Centennial Planning – The committee agreed to organize a meeting via email.

F. ACTION ITEMS Update:

- Assemble binder with pertinent building maintenance information – A work in progress. Information will be assembled on the de-winterizing process, the information gleaned from the electrician, and will also be the collection point for various manuals formerly all over the School House.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Newsletter – Topics will include CPR class, photography class, spring cleaning May 2, dates including the Montana Land Reliance events (Cedar Swamp June 13 and Knapweed August 19). The mailing will go to the 59846 zip code.

B. General Updates –

- Wedding Flyer – Lisa Schweigert distributed flyers to the Tuxedo shop, Big Sky Brewing, Bitterroot Floral and a wedding shop (which wanted 50 copies). Some will be left at Alberton Feed. Morris noted Glen Babcock added scenes of the Pavilion to his wedding show exhibit and rotating photos.
- Business Cards – Sharon developed some designs for board use. An obviously preferred design was selected.
- Phone Bill – Persistent efforts by Lisa Schweigert and Betty Oleson lowered the monthly phone bill to less than \$16/month, saving nearly \$350/year.
- Craft Fair – Bobbe Almer sent out the vendor letter and four vendors signed up right away (three sending in checks and the fourth being the "free booth" vendor of the year). One vendor said "thank you for sending it out so early" so she could organize her schedule. A reminder will be sent mid-April, and at the end of April open spots will be offered to new vendors.
- Propane Tank – Sharon Sweeney visited Northern Energy again, but the bosses were busy; to be continued.
- Property Line Trespass – Steven King and Sharon confirmed Richard Emery's new road either obliterated or covered the NE corner of NMCC's property. They will formally notify Mr. Emery and will seek to resolve

the issue amicably. A reasonable outcome would involve requesting a retracement survey, resetting the corner pin and repairing the damage. Steve noted inadvertent trespass is not unusual.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SET NEXT MEETING DATE – April 8, 2015

Adjournment at 8:30 pm.