

# NINE MILE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2020 Minutes

**Location:** Zoom Meeting Platform a& Call-Ins **Start Time:** 7:00 PM

**Board Members Present:** Sharon Sweeney, Julie Van Hise, Steve King, Steve Cummings, Morris Eisert, Lisa Schweigert, Rick Marler, and Tina Vierra McGill.

**Board Members Absent:** Pam Schneider and Amanda Beauchamp.

**Committee Member Present:** Shannon Stalpaert.

**Public Present:** None present.

**MINUTES:** April minutes motioned for approval by Lisa, seconded by Sharon, all voted in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No updates.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Report for May not yet received. Pam deposited the \$500 MEC grant check. Julie deposited the payment due (\$1,200) for the July 10<sup>th</sup> wedding check. Julie deposited the \$2,500 Garnet Preservation Grant check. Pam sent an e-mail on May 20<sup>th</sup> concerning the CD rates for upcoming CD maturity. Steve K. proposed to accept the longest term CD as long as early withdrawal rates are low; Lisa and Sharon seconded. The current CD rates are .35% on 6 month term; .45% on 1 year term; .75% on 3 year term or longer. Pam thought the penalty rate is minimal; however, questioned back how much would be withdrawn? Only about 50% is invested and earning interest.

## 1. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **2020 Event Schedule: Due to the COVID-19, all event dates on the 2020 calendar are tentative. The board agreed to make decisions on a month-to-month basis concerning meetings and events based on the guidance from the CDC and State. Upcoming events are in bold font; changes are in red font. Griz Games: Sep: 5, 19, 26 Oct:17, 31.**

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| 1. Newsletter: Spring Events  | April 27, 2020             |
| 2. Loyola Service Day   | Cancelled                  |
| 3. Public Campaign Event (Betty Thisted)                                | Cancelled                  |
| 4. USFS   | TBD                        |
| 5. Spring Class: Garden City Fungi Tour                                 | TBD                        |
| 6. Raptors of the Rockies   | TBD                        |
| 7. Newsletter: Summer events/BOD Invite                                 | ~Jun 7-20, 2020            |
| 8. De-Winterize (Board Only)  | June 13, 2020 (10:00 am)   |
| 9. Spring Cleaning Day (Board Only)                                     | June 13, 2020 (10:00 am)   |
| 10. Ninemile Roadside Clean Up (No Potluck)                             | June 13, 2020(10:00 am)    |
| 11. July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration – Parade & Picnic (BOD rep: Julie) | July 4, 2020 (2:00; 3:00)  |
| 1> App:Y, Res time: 12:00-7:00  |                            |
| 12. Wedding Set-Up: Katie Bearden                                       | Jul 9, 2020                |
| 13. Wedding: Katie Bearden App:Y Res:Y Dep:Y/POC: Lisa                  | Jul 10, 2020 100-125 ppl   |
| 14. Wedding Clean-Up: Katie Bearden                                     | Jul 11, 2020               |
| 15. Floor Refinishing   | Week of July 13th          |
| 16. NMCC Community Yard Sale  | Jul 18, 2020 (9 am – 3 pm) |
| 17. Trout Unlimited/Betty Thisted 88 Birthday                           | August 8, 2020             |
| 18. Newsletter: Fall Election Bio's & Apple Fest                        | ~September 1, 2020         |
| 19. NMCC BOD Election/Lunch   | September 12, 2020         |
| 20. Apple Fest  | October 3, 2020            |
| 21. Newsletter: Holiday Fair  | ~November 14, 2020         |
| 22. Holiday Fair Set-Up/NMCC Clean-up                                   | TBD                        |
| 23. Holiday Fair Vendor Set-up  | November 27, 2020 (4-6:00) |

24. Nine Mile Holiday Fair	November 28, 2020
25. Newsletter: Christmas Eve Info	~December 10, 2020
26. Christmas Eve Celebration Set-up	TBD
27. Christmas Eve Celebration	December 24, 2020 (6:30)
28. Winterizing Event	TBD

- b. Re-evaluate Event Dates:** The wedding on July 10<sup>th</sup> for Katie Bearden was confirmed by Steve K., and the remainder of the payment due was received and will be deposited. Lisa volunteered to be the contact for the wedding party. Lisa recommended that the board select a date prior to the wedding for general clean-up. The de-winterizing and Spring Cleaning events will be held the same day as the Nine Mile Roadside Clean-up event; June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The de-winterizing and facility clean-up will be limited to board members and individual invite to ensure the 6' distancing rules are enforced. If work requires individuals within the 6' distance, masks will be worn. The board will be available to hand out trash bags and assignments as requested for the Nine Mile roadside clean-up. Due to COVID-19, there will be no potluck this year. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and community yard sale activities and dates were confirmed by the board.
- 1. De-Winterize:** Change furnace filter, connect and clean plumbing fixtures, and shock the well and test later. Steve K. received authorization from the ranch manager to access the well to perform maintenance as required.
  - 2. Spring Cleaning Day:** To be rescheduled, reference March 2020 minutes for recent discussion. Sharon provided an updated list of tasks that need to be done via e-mail. Lisa added that the fence rails need painting and the garden needs to be cleaned up.
  - 3. Community Yard Sale:** Day confirmed for July 18<sup>th</sup>. Amanda and Morris are also having sales on those dates. Start to get the word out. Spaces for tables/vehicle trunks will be available at the NMCC for a \$10 charge. Shannon will work on restrictions for items sold. Lisa suggested having a coffee & tea table. Locations of other yard sales in Nine Mile will be posted on website and Facebook, and a paper listing will be available to view at the NMCC. Sign-ups will begin around June 18<sup>th</sup>. Spots are given on a first come basis. Times will be 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- c. Floor Refinishing:** Lisa was able to obtain 3 quotes for the community center floor refinishing; Classic Hardwoods (~\$5,000.00), Ace Wood Floors (~\$5,000), and Grizzly Hardwood (~\$5,400 with \$1,200 discount for Non-Profit). Rick suggested potential for us to do our own floors. Based on the current budget, estimates, finishes applied, and discounts awarded for being a Non-Profit, Grizzly Hardwood was motioned for approval by Julie, seconded by Lisa, and all present approved. Lisa and Rick expressed reservation based on cost of refinishing, however, Tina and Steve K. both offered reasoning based on current budget and ability for public to see the results of years of donation and grants. Additionally, previous email from Pam suggested we use a contractor that specializes in floor refinishing to get the best results for our money invested. The board will need to move the tables, chairs and refrigerator prior to scheduled floor refinishing date. Approximate estimate is 5 days of work. Grizzly offered to provide a link to some chair and table protective coverings; all agreed we should do something to prevent wear on the floors (i.e. tennis balls, etc.). Grizzly Hardwoods will be able to complete the work the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Exterior Painting & Repair Project:** Steve K. and Rick are working quotes for both the carpentry work and painting of the exterior. Rick is meeting with a couple of individuals willing to do quotes this coming Saturday. There were three individuals for carpentry work contacted for quotes; however, one is no longer able to provide services due to health issues, the second individual never returned us a quote, and the third individual is meeting Rick on Saturday. The first quote received for painting was at \$6,800 for schoolhouse alone. Sharon suggested we get as many quotes as we can now, before carpentry and painter schedules fill up for the summer months. The board provided potential other contacts to Steve K. and Rick during the meeting. The individuals scheduled to meet Rick on Saturday following the May board meeting cancelled and failed to show at the scheduled time.

- e. **Fire Fuel Removal:** Frenchtown Rural Fire Grant will be coming down the pipeline eventually. There are no specifics as of yet. Steve K. requested others to be a part of the group for coordinating this event. Steve C., Rick, and Sharon volunteered to assist. On May 25<sup>th</sup>, Sharon, Pat Sweeney, Rick, Steve C. and Steve K. walked the property to prepare for the upcoming Frenchtown Fire project to remove trees and vegetation. The group concluded there are a few Douglas Firs and some small diameter ponderosas along the front and two large leaning ponderosas by the outhouses in the back that should be removed. Steve K cleared a line of vegetation on the southeast property boundary and plans to mark the line with red paracord/flags as a temporary fence line to ensure Frenchtown Fire stays on our property when removing the trees. The contract is completed with a cost of \$150. The work is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- f. **Nine Mile House Bar Donation:** Steve K. and Julie met with Cindy to discuss the bar tops. Cindy requested no changes at all to the 9' bar, and stated the NMCC could do whatever was needed to make the 16' bar useable – not to be sold or discarded. Steve K. and Julie agreed to the conditions. Cindy also requested that the 9' bar be appraised so that she may use the number on tax deduction for donation. She offered to contact an appraiser; no expense for NMCC. Julie will pick up the long bar top this coming weekend. The 9' bar, with attached lower cabinet will be moved to the NMCC upon completion of the floors to the dining room. The 9' bar/cabinet will fit on either side of the stove without having to adjust dining table and chair positions. The 16' bar does have a rather large twist. Ideas for the 16' bar consisted of a bar and a bench for under the pavilion or a couple of benches. Steve K. requested words from Cindy concerning the history of the bar tops in order to make a small plaque or two to be placed near the bar tops. Steve K. motioned to accept the donation with the conditions stated by Cindy, Tina seconded, all voted in favor. The small bar cabinet will be transported to the NMCC in early August upon completion of the floor refinishing work scheduled for the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>. Steve K. sent an e-mail requesting the bar remain in the location that it is until August; Cindy agreed to store the bar cabinet.
- g. **Newsletter:** The information for the summer newsletter is due to Steve K. on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Shannon agreed to get yard sale information to Steve K., and Julie agreed to get the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade information. The newsletter is scheduled to be mailed around June 20<sup>th</sup>, or earlier.
- h. **Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program:** No new information at this time.
- i. **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Grant):** Application for \$3,000 grant submitted May 1<sup>st</sup>. Steve K. and Pam worked the grant and hope to hear something this week.
- j. **NMCC Community Services:** Communication through e-mail blast, web site, and Facebook has been going well. Definitely an increase in Facebook responses, with several new likes in the past couple of weeks. We have had two new subscribers to our e-mail listing. One individual sent a note requesting continued mailing of the paper newsletter as they do not have internet access. Slowly working on the compilation of information for the Welcome to the Nine Mile project.
- k. **Current Building Projects:** The exterior repair and painting project is underway with obtaining quotes. Steve K., Rick, and Amanda will meet to discuss the next course of action and any other contractor services required to complete repairs. Basement plumbing room insulation and basement furnace room repair will be discussed. Grant money is being used. Steve K. received authorization from the ranch manager to access the well to perform maintenance as required. The board is still coming together to find contractors to bid on exterior maintenance and repair projects.
- l. **Current Grants:** Exterior painting and repair project – Montana History Foundation, Garnet Preservation (awarded), Walmart Community (pending) for flooring repairs and spring cleaning event. (Hold for future meeting). Steve C. submitted the MEC grant; the MEC board will meet end of April to make their decision. Steve C. received approval of grant; check will be in the mail this week. Steve C. offered to provide them pictures of the event; MEC loved the idea.

NMCC was awarded a \$3,000 Federal CARES Grant administered by Humanities Montana and a \$2,500 Garnet Preservation Grant. 2020 grant total is \$19,300.

m. **2021 NMCC Spring Learning Series: Citizen Survey?** (Hold for future meeting)

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Large Pearl Coconut Milk Tapioca Pudding with Amaretto Caramel Sauce & Fresh Whipped Cream Topping:** (Hold for future meeting).
- b. **Nine Mile Holiday Fair Survey:** Shannon developed a survey to send to past vendors on their feelings of the Holiday Fair event and COVID-19. Once she has the surveys collected, she will compile the data and share with the board in June. Based on responses, NMCC may have to make alternate plan on how to hold the event and what the event consists of.
- c. **NMCC Board Meeting Format:** Based on the ability to maintain a 6' distance, Steve K. requested thoughts from the board on holding an outdoor meeting under the pavilion in June. The board agreed and will bring their chairs, masks are optional. Lisa requested the meeting be moved to 6:00 pm. All present were in favor of the location and time change.
- d. **New Public Events Approach:** Refer to March 2020 meeting minutes. *(Hold for discussion)*
- e. **New Quilt Donation:** Sharon did contact Jamie Siegler (?) about our quilt selection. More to come in May. *(Hold for discussion)*
- f. **NMCC Merchandise:** *(Hold for discussion)*
- g. **Future Building Projects:** Classroom lighting improvements; Men's restroom plumbing; Yellow-Jackets/Hornets in church & woodpecker issues – hire professional pest control; Front motion sensor lights adjustment, rear patio light repair. *(Hold for discussion)*
- h. **Future Grants:** Fencing south-east property line, outdoor water fountain, kids play equipment? Go over grant resources. *(Hold for discussion)* The fencing project for the south-east property line is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>. Steve K. sent Mr. Emery an e-mail on June 5<sup>th</sup> to visit either workday (June 10<sup>th</sup> for Fire Project or June 13<sup>th</sup> for fencing project) if he had concerns or would like to assist in either project.
- i. **General updates:** None.

3. **Public Comment:** None.

4. **Next meeting date:** June 10, 2020, NMCC Pavilion, 6:00 pm.

5. **Meeting end:** Steve K. motioned to end, Julie approved, all in favor.

**Meeting End Time: 8:51 pm**