

Nine Mile Community Center
Board of Directors Meeting
August 12, 2015

Board Members Present: Morris Eisert, Steve King, Karen Murphy, Betty Oleson, Sharon Sweeney

Board Members Absent: Carolyn Demin, Lisa Schweigert, Jason Spaid, Shirley Weaver

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 as drafted.

MINUTES: Minutes for July 8, 2015 were tabled due to the lack of a quorum. Steve King abstained since he did not attend the July 8 meeting. Lisa Schweigert and Jason Spaid were asked to vote on the minutes via email; they both provided email approvals. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Betty Oleson provided a financial update via email. The annual liability insurance premium invoice was received, \$1,754.00 for the period 9/1/15 to 9/1/16.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Event Schedule

The Thisted event was attended by about 130 people. Sharon Sweeney and Karen Murphy reported receiving lots of positive comments about the beautiful venue.

B. Property Line Encroachment – Morris Eisert reported a rumor the Emery's have divorced and Mrs. Emery received the adjacent property in a settlement. Steve King reviewed a draft document for a "License Agreement for Access" for a temporary, revocable license to use a portion of the Community Center's property for the Emery road. Steve will research ownership of the property and the Emery's will be contacted with a message it has come to our attention a property ownership change may have occurred. It was the consensus of those present an easement should not be licensed and the road should be removed from the NMCC property if the property may soon be up for sale.

C. Grants – Sharon Sweeney and Lisa Schweigert will attend the Montana History Foundation's board meeting August 24. The Community Center is being hailed as exemplary grant recipients for our recent Windows project, partially funded by the Foundation. Sharon mentioned the Foundation is a potential funder for a project to fix the School's foundation and back steps used to exit the basement. Mark Tomell was mentioned as a possible contractor.

D. Centennial Planning – Three dozen invitations were sent to "old timers." In particular, Dale Regan's daughter responded enthusiastically. A list of needs include:

- *Name tags and pens
- *Inventory and purchase of needed plastic ware, heavy Chinette paper plates, and cups
- *Review water and soft drink inventory
- *Include hot dogs for children
- *Prominently display "fundraising handout"
- *Draw map for event set up including tables for pot luck
- *Put up sign above county road about September 1 advertising the event
- *It was suggested Sharon ring the church bell before the music starts at 12:30.

Sharon asked Betty to reconvene the Centennial committee to double check on the details, such as who will actually shop for the tri tip steaks.

The newsletter draft was reviewed and approved. Sharon reported a copy center charges \$.12/page for an 11"x17" newsletter with one fold and asked for the pricing at the UC Quick Copy Center.

The fundraising handout was reviewed. Karen suggested inviting Amy Sullivan of the Montana Community Foundation to attend the Centennial, sharing the "Future" portion of the program with conservation easements.

Betty will extend the invitation. Karen will also post the fundraising handout on the website (Betty will send Karen the final version, which includes the web address on page 2).

E. Election – Morris Eisert and Jen Murphy have provided their candidate biographies. At least one more candidate is needed to run for the three rotating board positions.

F. Action Items Update –

1. Materials were provided to Steve King for the Building Binder, including the water rights documentation, plot maps and the recent water test results which show no *e coli* contamination.
2. Amazon Smile has been set up using Steve's log-in. Steve and Karen will work on setting up public access links.
3. The church bell is fixed and an invoice of \$600 was provided (which supplements an earlier \$200 advanced to purchase materials). The donor needs to be informed the total cost was \$800. A padlock is needed for the box storing the rope.
4. Craft Fair – Only two vendors indicating planned participation have failed to pay their vendor fee.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Updates –

- Propane Tank Purchase and Summer Fill –Northern Energy provided confirmation of tank purchase payment history and a copy of the purchase agreement. A small propane summer fill was delivered and paid for. Steven thinks that may be all the Center needs with the addition of further window insulating properties and winterization of the building.
- Flag Pole Installation – Installation before September 19 was considered, but reverted to the original spring plan.
- Nine Mile House Sign – Morris Eisert spoke with Scott McWatters again, but he's too busy to discuss the project. Morris will ask him to advertise the Centennial on his sign.
- Removal of dead tree – A request for donated, bonded services is in the newsletter.
- Free Use of Community Center –Tabled.
- Marketing – Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SET NEXT MEETING DATE – September 9, 2015 (Sharon Sweeney and Steve King will be out-of-town)

Adjournment at 8:00 pm