

# NINE MILE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD MEETING:

*MEETING MINUTES July 12, 2017*

7:05 PM Nine Mile Community Center (25620 Nine Mile Road)

**In Attendance:** Sharon Sweeney; Lisa Schweigert; Morris Eisert; Julie Prosa. We did NOT have a quorum, but Sharon did send out a note on July 15<sup>th</sup> asking for votes & any further discussion on 4 different areas. Those votes, and thoughts are contained in these minutes. All voted except Randy.)

**Absent:** Steve King; Jen Murphy; Pam Schneider; Jason Spaid; Randy Richards.

**MINUTES:** June 14, 2017 The 4 in attendance voted to approve the minutes, and 3 others voted electronically to approve the minutes.

Correspondence: (Signed new cards for future use)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pam had proposed that we consolidate some of the small pools of money that we've received In Memory Of (IMO). These are the accounts that were given IMO an individual but were NOT earmarked (or restricted) to a specific project, such as landscaping, or the church, pavilion, etc. So for years we've kept track of these accounts that in some cases only have a few dollars in them. Basically, since they aren't designated (or restricted) for a specific project, they're extra paperwork to keep track of, and it would be so much easier to put these individual line items into a broader account such as "Maintenance" or "Landscaping" or NMCC Renovations, or into an "Unrestricted" account. Pam suggested that an heir of the person(s) be contacted and asked if it would be OK to place that account into either one of our restricted accounts or an unrestricted account. Pam said that Betty Oleson knows most of these folks and has offered to contact the heirs on these older, undesignated IMO accounts. After this discussion, we had 2 votes: **1)** Are you in favor of consolidating some of these IMO accounts? And **2)** Are you in favor of having Betty contact the heirs to see which account they might like the funds placed into? We could also let them know about our priority list, in case they prefer to donate to one of those items. The 4 in attendance voted to approve both of these items. The 4 who voted electronically also approved, altho Pam specifically noted that she would much prefer to keep the current list of Restricted Accounts, which is: Community Center Renovations; Historic Church Renovations; Landscaping; and Pavilion. And Pam also expressed that if relatives were against reclassifying the funds that would be fine and we could continue to separately tract that money. [This discussion does NOT include accounts such as Carolyn Demin's memorial which has been designated for the Church and/or Pavilion.]

We had another motion come up: We thought that 3 accounts would be a satisfactory choice: **1) NMCC Renovations and Maintenance.** [This could include things such as fixing up the kitchen area with new paint, new ceiling, & new lights; fix the floors; work on the pavilion; work on the church; painting; etc. etc.]. Funds in this category can be used to help us get matching grants. **2) NMCC Landscaping.** [New plantings; fence maintenance; irrigation; weed spraying; etc.]. Funds in this category can be used as matching money for grants. **3) Unrestricted—General Fund.** [Could be used for new projects; help fund things like the various BBQ's that we hold, or the Christmas Eve event; help with bills such as heating, electricity, insurance, phone, etc.]. Unrestricted Funds will be used where ever the need is greatest. There was a concern that some funds donated for a specific project could get "lost." We thought that having 3 broad categories like this would make it easier for people to choose from, rather than leave it open-ended. For example, if someone was to donate \$100 to us at the end of the year specifically to paint the church, we could continue to track that donation to make sure it gets spent appropriately. It wouldn't just get 'lost' in the Renovations & Maintenance account. The 4 in attendance thought that would be good (voted to approve), and 3 others also voted (electronically) to approve this structure. Pam asked for more discussion on the topic (noting that she prefers to maintain the current list of 4 Restricted Accounts, and our Unrestricted Account). This will be placed on our August agenda for more discussion.

## 1. OLD BUSINESS:

### a. Event Schedule

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| 1. Spring Cleaning Day                      | April 8, 2017  |
| 2. Workshop: Season Extenders & Preserving  | April 22, 2017 |
| 3. Workshop: Small Engine Troubleshooting   | April 29, 2017 |
| 4. Workshop: Tapping Into Your Inner Artist | May 6, 2017    |

5. <b>Ninemile Roadside Clean Up &amp; Potluck</b>	<b>June 24, 2017</b>
6. <b>Wedding—Gollofon</b>	<b>September 2, 2017</b>
7. NMCC BOD Election/Lunch	September 30, 2017
8. Yoga classes—8 weeks starting.....	October 18, 2017 (through 12/6)
9. Wedding vows Renewal—Dunlavy	November 11, 2017
<del>10. Celebration of Life—Ralph Thisted</del>	<del>November 12, 2017</del> <i>Cancelled</i>
11. Annual Holiday Fair	November 25, 2017
12. Christmas Eve Celebration	December 24, 2017

- b. **Grants—County Parks & Trails Grant:** Any updates? **Montana History Foundation Grant:** Looks great! *It appears that Mark is done with the foundation and window sill work. We probably need a final bill from him. We were uncertain if we have asked the County Parks & Trails Board if we could modify our proposal.*
- c. **Roadside Clean-up & Potluck—** Karen will do a Blog/website update when she gets back in September. This event was a big success, and was coordinated with the Ninemile Wildlife Workgroup and the Ninemile Ranger Station! *There were 9 people with the NWW effort; 15 with the NM Ranger Station; 18 for the NMCC, and 21 people came to the potluck dinner! What a great day for the Ninemile Valley.*
- d. **CRAFT FAIR— Update:** Jen & Julie. *We have all but 1 table sold! Jen will send out a confirmation letter to folks in August. Jani Albans offered to help in the kitchen again.*
- e. **Piano—**Yeaaaaa! It's gone. Mike Oliver interested in the old basement door.
- f. **NMCC flooring:** We agreed it was OK to spend ~ \$300. Discussion from a floor guy that Pam knows: \$2,000--\$4,000 to do it right. *Other priorities for next steps?*
- 1) *We had a lengthy discussion on what our priorities should be. After some discussion we felt that our first priority should be any **structural** issues that come up. Beyond that our next priority would be to do work on the kitchen portion of the school house. That project would likely be comprised of four components: 1) repair the ceiling (plaster is literally falling down); 2) remove the florescent shop lights and install some nice 'period' lighting; 3) fix the holes in the walls and paint the walls; and 4) re-install the molding strip that is missing from part of the wall near the ceiling. The next priority would be to renovate the floors. Outside painting and removing the dead top tree may rise in priority, just depending on how rapidly they deteriorate. [With regards to the consolidation of funds discussion, above, we thought that it would be good to let the heirs know what our priorities are in case they preferred to specifically donated to one of these projects.] The 4 in attendance voted to approve these as our priorities, and 4 others voted electronically to approve. It was noted that these should not be 'cast in stone' because sometimes items come up that need immediate attention, and/or priorities can change.*
- g. **Our Stewardship Award—***Great participation from the Board & a few from the community.*
2. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a. **Upcoming NMCC BOD election & newsletter—**August newsletter to ask for candidates. *This is usually just a small newsletter (1 page) to ask for Bio's. Reply Due: August 28<sup>th</sup> to Sharon. Probably have room for one article—perhaps tell folks how we've leveraged their funds to successfully apply for grants and get a lot of great work done this year at NMCC. We'll try to get the newsletter out in early August. Another newsletter will come out in early September to send out the Bio's. Room for another article or two, too.*
- b. **June, 2018 Wedding—**OK to move tables? Irrigate? Cut grass. Fire pit. *Board members present were fine with allowing the tables to be moved; and allowing the party to water the area and cut the grass. Use of the fire pit will depend on how the fire season is.*
- c. **Celebration of Life:** Ralph Thisted—November 12<sup>th</sup> 2017. *The NMCC will no longer be needed for this date.*
- d. **General updates:** *We received a lot of paper goods, utensils, and much more from the closure of the little church in the lower Ninemile. Very generous of them to think of us.*
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** *None*
4. **Set next meeting date –** August 9, 2017—Location—NMCC; *Morris said he'll miss the next meeting.*