

NINE MILE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2020 Minutes

Location: Community Center Pavilion **Start Time:** 6:00 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: None.

Public Present: Jamie Schiltknecht and Cindy Argauer.

MINUTES: May minutes motioned for approval by Sharon, seconded by Morris, all voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bob Rogers and Jay Howard for fixing the grill; Cindy Argauer for donation of the long and short Nine Mile House bars.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See separate note from Pam. Lisa motioned to approve the treasurers report; Steve C. seconded; all voted in favor. Pam has given notice to leave position as treasurer due to inability to attend meetings; however, she has offered to remain available for banking purposes, such as writing checks, until her term officially ends in September. Steve K. requested some options of individuals that might be interested from the board; names provided included Amanda B., Jamie S., and Glenn Babcock.

1. OLD BUSINESS:

a. 2020 Event Schedule: Public events are in bold.

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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 4th Celebration – Parade (BOD rep: Julie) | Jul 4, 2020 1:00pm – 3:00pm |
| 12. Wedding Set-Up: Katie Bearden | Jul 9, 2020 |
| 13. Wedding: Katie Bearden (BOD rep: 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 |

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| 29. Wedding Set-Up: Lexi Ujvary | June 18, 2021 |
| 30. Wedding: Lexi Ujvary Dep:Y/Contract:Y/Fee:N | June 19, 2021 |
| 31. Wedding Clean-Up: Lexi Ujvary | June 20, 2021 |

b. Events Status:

1. **Spring Cleaning & Roadside Clean-up:** See "To-Do" list. Lisa will activate the burn permit. Bring cordless drills, weed wacker, exterior screws for fence, circular saw, post pounder, etc. Steve C. volunteered to take the old barbed wire for recycling. Lisa will contact Terry Geber about mowing the lawn. Professional spray church for hornets/wasps in spring 2021; only 1 event in 2020, local pest control measures applied.
 2. **July 4th Parade:** Committee requested that Julie request a donation gift from the NMCC for the winning prize. Julie requested a motion to approve a donation for a growler for the event; Sharon suggested the stainless steel with lid; Lisa seconded the motion; all voted in favor of the donation. Julie discussed the potential for having cupcakes at the event based on current county health guidelines posted closer to event date. Julie will readdress with the board as the event date approaches. On June 26th Julie requested the option for cupcakes for the event based on current COVID-19 guidelines for the county; the board agreed that cupcakes could be made. Sharon suggested the cupcakes be labeled with Julie's Cottage Creations, LLC with contact information to make sure it was clear where the cupcakes came from. Julie labeled and packaged the cupcakes; they were served spread out via table and hand delivered to the participants by Julie, versus having all participants gather in one spot. Steve K. provided magnets for hand out at the parade; people loved them!
 3. **Community Yard Sale:** Event details confirmed for July 18th and posted in newsletter. Lisa, based on current COVID guidelines, suggested that we allow those selling at the NMCC the option of using NMCC tables and chairs for set-up. All agreed. Julie will send a note to Shannon. The board discussed taping off the classroom and kitchen to ensure no one enters the rooms during floor refinishing/curing. Tina suggested we hang a "See your dollars at work" sign.
- c. Floor Refinishing:** Lisa will work on getting chair and table leg protection pieces.
- d. Exterior Painting & Repair Project:** After much work, and many months, trying to obtain contractor quotes for the painting and exterior work projects, there was only one solid bid by a contractor to do all of the work requested. Rick contacted 6 individuals for exterior work and Steve K. contacted 4 individuals for painting. DJ provided a bid of \$14,800 to do all of the work to include the pavilion, paint and repair of the schoolhouse exterior, schoolhouse doors, leak in conduit on roof, outhouses painting and repair, church paint and repair, and re-stain pavilion columns. The board agreed that due diligence was done on part of finding the best contractor for the job; regardless of not yet receiving some quotes (all contractors had plenty of time to provide a quote), and motioned to approve DJ for all work, minus the work on the outhouses. Lisa motioned that DJ complete all the work minus the outhouse project for a contract in the amount of \$13,800; Rick seconded Lisa's motion; all voted in favor of Lisa's motion, to include Pam via e-mail. Tina suggested we come up with a design for the outhouses which would keep their historical appearance yet provide an actual function for the NMCC, such as outdoor tool storage, etc. Since the outhouses are part of the historical designator for the schoolhouse, Steve K. contacted the MT State Historic Preservation Office on June 16th to know what our options for reuse are. Two individuals returned our request with information concerning movement vs. tear down, and guidelines for historical updates.
- e. Fire Fuel Removal:** Frenchtown Fir completed the project prior to the board meeting. All areas looked great!
- f. Nine Mile House Bar Donation:** Julie brought the bar to the board meeting for all members to view. The plan is to: refinish the piece as a whole. The bottom side will become the top. The bar will be placed in the pavilion, centered on the posts, depth sunk into half diameter of posts, bar height. Braces matching those in the pavilion will be placed on the columns and

offset cutouts, columns from behind church will be used to support the front of the bar. The twist will remain intact as it is a piece of history behind the bar top. Linseed oil will be the surface conditioner of choice for maintaining the top. Julie will keep the board up to date on refinishing actions.

- g. **Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program:** \$10,000 received with no specifics on how or when money must be used; or repayment.
- h. **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Grant):** \$3,000 received, must be spent this year on operations support.
- i. **NMCC Community Services:** Have had new reviews and facebook involvement. Julie requested the best of the Nine Mile information be added to a new tab on our website; all agreed. Julie proposed that we make media updates/marketing a board member position during the next elections. Item added to agenda for future discussion. Sharon provided 4 new e-mail addresses for mail chimp.
- j. **Newsletter:** Newsletter sent out by Steve K. Volunteer for new newsletter? (Hold for discussion)
- k. **Current Building Projects:** BBQ welding repair is complete, as well as fixing the vent knobs. Well water test will be done once access to the well is established. Steve K. discussed using a professional well locator service to identify our well for 80\$/hour plus transportation based on dead leads from the county and historical logs maintained in Butte. Sharon motioned to hire and resolve the mystery of the well location, Morris seconded the motion, all agreed. The well detector, Tim Schwank, located our well for \$217. There is a large stainless-steel riser by the Kennedy Creek ditch that houses our water well. The well housing is welded shut, so we need to unweld the riser to check the status of our pump and well. Rick volunteered to use an angle grinder to break the welds at the top of the pipe. Rick, Steve C., and Steve K. were able to make their way through the top of the riser and dose our well with 2 cups chlorine bleach. They further turned on the faucets and exterior hose bibs until they smelled chlorine in the water. Then water was turned off to let the solution sit in the lines for 24 hours. Rick is working on getting an easier access riser lid closure system. Jamie is looking into the easement record. Through the well location process, it was discovered that there is potentially no documented easement for access to the well. The sign in front of the NMCC has fallen. Bob Brugh suggested that we have a stonewall entry/message board built with shrubs and native plants, all consistent with the historical construction. The board liked the idea and will try to add to the Parks and Recreational grant request.
- 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).
- m. **2021 NMCC Spring Learning Series:** Citizen Survey? (Hold for future meeting)

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Nine Mile Holiday Fair Survey:** Shannon is still collecting survey data. While unable to attend the meeting, she did request that a separate holiday fair meeting take place. Steve K. suggested it be prior to July's board meeting under the NMCC pavilion. All agreed. Meeting is planned for 5:30 pm, July 8th, in the NMCC pavilion.
- b. **BBQ Cover:** Julie donated a tarp for the BBQ grill.
- c. **Purchase storage shelves for the basement:** More organization is needed, board agreed.
- 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 July. *(Hold for discussion)*
- f. **NMCC Merchandise:** *(Hold for discussion)*
- g. **Future Building Projects:** Classroom lighting improvements – plan is to request a grant in fall for the lighting; 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 13th. Steve K. sent Mr. Emery an e-mail on June 5th to visit either workday (June 10th for Fire Project or June 13th for fencing project) if he had concerns or would like to assist in either project.

- i. **Elections:** Add a board member position for social media/marketing. *(Hold for discussion)*
3. **General updates:** NMCC was contacted by a couple of volunteers for the Friends of the Nine Mile based on information provided in the newsletter. Shannon is in contact with them. The reservation check and contract from Lexi Ujvary for their June 19, 2021 wedding reservation was received and deposited by Julie on June 24th. Axmen receipt for \$255.45 received in the mail showing tank full at 85%; Steve K. verified tank is full. On June 29th, Steve K., Steve C., Sharon, and Julie met with the State Farm Insurance representative Bob King. The meeting went well, several pictures were taken. Unfortunately, State Farm is unable to insure us due to private events being held in the facility.
4. **Public Comment:** Cindy donated a couple more pictures from the Nine Mile House with historical information on them. The board thoroughly enjoyed hearing and viewing the pictures and is very thankful for Cindy's donation, as well as her input concerning the long bar top and different preservation ideas.
5. **Next meeting date:** July 8, 2020, NMCC Pavilion, 6:00 pm.
6. **Meeting end:** Steve K. motioned to end, Julie approved, all in favor. **Meeting End Time: 8:45 pm**