

NINE MILE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD MEETING

July 8, 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, Rick Marler, and Tina Vierra McGill.

Board Members Absent: Pam Schneider, Lisa Schweigert and Amanda Beauchamp.

Committee Member Present: Shannon Stalpaert.

Public Present: None.

MINUTES: June minutes motioned for approval by Sharon, seconded by Steve C, all voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you note to Terry Geber for mowing the lawn several times for clean-up and prior to wedding event. Send Betty Thisted a Happy (88th) Birthday card and stainless steel growler to give thanks for all of her many contributions to the NMCC over the years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report not available prior to meeting. Steve K. summarized current income and expenses; there is approximately \$45K in budget after projected project expenses. Julie received a \$3,000 check for the Cares Grant and collected \$152.75. Julie deposited the money on July 15th. Steve K. requested volunteers for filling the treasurer position; Julie volunteered to fill the position; all voted unanimously in agreeance for Julie to fill the treasurer's position in accordance with by-laws for replacement of an officer on the board. Pam transferred all treasurer accounts and materials to Julie on August 2nd; all bills paid at time of transfer.

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 4 th 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 | Cancelled |
| 18. Newsletter: Fall Election Bio's & Apple Fest | ~September 1, 2020 |
| 19. NMCC BOD Election/Lunch | September 12, 2020? |
| 20. Wedding: Set-up: Naomi Klette | September 25, 2020 |
| 21. Wedding: Naomi Klette Dep:Y/Contract:Y/Fee:Y | September 26, 2020 |
| 22. Wedding: Clean-Up: Naomi Klette | September 27, 2020 |
| 23. Apple Fest | October 3, 2020? |
| 24. Newsletter: Holiday Fair | ~November 14, 2020 |
| 25. Holiday Fair Set-Up/NMCC Clean-up | N/A |

26. Holiday Fair Vendor Set-up	N/A
27. Nine Mile Holiday Fair	November – On-Line Only
28. Newsletter: Christmas Eve Info	~December 10, 2020
29. Christmas Eve Celebration Set-up	TBD
30. Christmas Eve Celebration	December 24, 2020 (6:30)
31. Winterizing Event	TBD
32. Wedding Set-Up: Lexi Ujvary	Cancelled
33. Wedding: Lexi Ujvary Dep:Y/Contract:Y/Fee:N	Cancelled
34. Wedding Clean-Up: Lexi Ujvary	Cancelled
35. Wedding Set-up: Codi Jean Bryant	July 16, 2021
36. Wedding: Codi Jean Bryant Dep:Y/Contract:Y/Fee:No	July 17, 2021
37. Wedding Clean-up: Codi Jean Bryant	July 18, 2021

b. Events Status:

1. **Spring Cleaning & Roadside Clean-up:** All went great; the NMCC resembles a park! Terry Geber mowed the lawn. Professional spray church for hornets/wasps in spring 2021; only 1 event in 2020, local pest control measures applied. Morris is donating a wheelbarrow to the NMCC.
 2. **July 4th Parade:** Event was great with several ATV/UTVs (approximately 20 vehicles) participating. Several requests made by the event participants and observers for the public to hold the event again.
 3. **Community Yard Sale:** Event was great with several customers at the NMCC and community yard sales. All of the wobbly wooden chairs were voted as a sale item for the NMCC and sold. Yard sale ads were placed on Facebook, the website, Craig's List, and in the Missoulian. Sharon proposed that we spend the \$34 to place an ad in the Missoulian, Steve K. motioned for approval, Lisa seconded, all agreed. NMCC vendor spaces totaled \$50, table rental for private sales totaled \$30, Merchandise sales totaled \$152, total event income was \$232, minus \$36 for the Missoulian ad, leaving a net profit of \$196.
- c. Floor Refinishing:** The floor refinishing preparations were scheduled for 10:00 am on Sunday. The rooms were blocked and had signs for the public to observe the work that had been completed during the yard sale.
- d. Exterior Painting & Repair Project:** The board had to decide on a new paint color for the trim of the schoolhouse. The public was included in the vote via Facebook and in person at the yard sale. The board had selected a dark brown color which will be added to the top panels as well as the trim. The same trim color will be on the church. The public results for the paint are: Building color = Extra White, Building Trim = Black Fox, and Vertical Panels above the front entrance = Jade Dragon. No board members have commented with dispute against the color choices selected through survey.
- e. Nine Mile House Bar Donation:** *(Hold for discussion)*
- f. 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.
- g. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Grant):** \$3,000 received, must be spent this year on operations support.
- h. NMCC Community Services**
- i. Newsletter:** Newsletter sent out by Steve K. Volunteer for new newsletter? Perhaps the individual that also does the marketing/social media? Fall edition will have election info, fall events, and project updates. Bios will be due by August 14th. *(Hold for discussion)*
- j. Current Building Projects:** Steve K. and Rick will fix the men's toilet and fire pit clean-up on Thursday at 4:00 pm. The well discussion will continue in a future meeting. Steve K. requested that a list of completed and future projects at the NMCC be listed on our website to show what we have done and what we are planning to do.
- k. 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).*

- I. **2021 NMCC Spring Learning Series:** Citizen Survey? (Hold for future meeting)
2. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Confirmation of Jamie Schiltknecht as Newest Board Member:** Sharon motioned to invite Jamie to fill an empty board position until September 2021; Tina seconded the motion; all voted in favor.
 - b. **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.
 - c. **Fall Event Planning:**
 1. **September Board Election:** All agreed that the in-person event needed to be cancelled due to COVID-19 safety measures. Discussions included a mail in election, a drop box option available at the NMCC, and the use of a Google Form. Tina was working on a test of the Google Form.
 2. **October Apple Cider Festival:** The board discussed several potential options for still getting apples pressed, going back to the initial motivation for the cider pressing event – to clean-up apples to prevent issues from developing with bears. The idea of time slots was considered for families to use presses. The board pressing everything and bottling in growlers for sale to the public. Still lots of discussion needed. The board also discussed picking the winner of the quilt raffle at the cider pressing event. The quilt raffle officially began at the yard sale. Further discussion on how to do the raffle will continue at the August meeting. Raffles prices are 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10.
 3. **November Holiday Fair:** The board held a separate meeting with Shannon prior to the board meeting to discuss the upcoming craft fair. After much discussion and consideration, the overall decision of the board was to preserve the authenticity of the NMCC craft fair and cancel it for 2020 versus stripping away the many extra events (lunch, hay ride, turkey shoot, etc) in addition to the craft sales. The overall consensus was to do an online event to try to maintain a relationship with our historical crafters, as well as develop a relationship with new crafters. The attendance for the November Holiday Fair meeting was the same as the board meeting, minus Rick.
 - d. **Invitation for Eric Tomasik, USFS District Ranger:** Sharon suggested we invite Eric and the NWGG to the August or September Board Meeting to give an update on the Soldier-Butler project. Steve K. requested Eric Tomasik to attend the August Board meeting, in conjunction with NWGG, on August 12th at 5:30 under the NMCC Pavilion. Eric agreed.
 - e. **Purchase storage shelves for the basement:** More organization is needed, board agreed. Steve K. requested that a 2nd chair rack with vertical storage is purchased, after the first is installed to verify it works well. The price of one rack is \$310. Julie motioned to purchase the double story chair rack; Rick seconded; all voted in favor, Sharon abstained to vote. Steve K. purchased the chair rack, installed the rack and cleaned up the heater room; it looks amazing!
 - f. **Insurance:** Property insurance and Directors & Officers liability. State Farm is unable to insure us due to holding private events in the building. However, they did state that they would up the value of replacement to \$175/square foot which equals \$750,000. Steve K. will get with Hub about increasing our current insurance, as we are currently underinsured. State Farm also stated the current company we have is our best bet in finding insurance coverage for our facilities. Mr. King from State Farm also recommended we drop our personal property from \$25K to \$5K. Board discussed various insurance options, as well as asking about coverage on playground equipment should we have it installed. Steve K. will write to Hub about our questions and concerns. Officer and Directors insurance through Hub is \$700/year. However, there might be a reduced rate of purchased for a 3 year period.
 - g. **Board Position Vacancies:**
 1. **Board Member Vacancies** (Morris and Lisa are planning to retire from the board)
 2. **Treasurer** (Pam's position will be vacant in September)

3. **Media Updates/Marketing** (Julie has requested that another Board member take the lead)

- h. **New Public Events Approach:** Refer to March 2020 meeting minutes. *(Hold for discussion)*
 - i. **NMCC Merchandise:** *(Hold for discussion)*
 - j. **Future Building Projects:** New NMCC Entrance Sign; Classroom lighting improvements; Men' restroom plumbing; Yellow-jacket/hornets in Church & Woodpecker issues - hire professional pest control; Exterior building lighting, Front motion sensor lights adjustment, rear portico light repair.
 - a. **Future Grants:** Fencing southeast property line & native landscaping & front entrance sign. – Apply to County Parks? This grant can be used to cover the sign. Sharon will contact Bob Brugh (sp?) about the sign. The grant can also be used to complete fences and extended planting. There needs to be a project lead assigned to this grant. Apply for the Historic Fort Missoula grant to cover the Classroom lighting improvements. There needs to be a project lead assigned to this grant. Go over project list and grant schedules.
 - k. **Elections:** Add a board member position for social media/marketing. *(Hold for discussion)*
- 3. **General updates:** The private wedding event lead by Lisa was great with no issues noted; Lia requested the damage deposit be returned in full, Pam sent the check.
 - 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:** August 12, 2020, NMCC Pavilion, 6:00 pm. Meeting with FWP and NWGG starts at 5:30 pm.
 - 6. **Meeting end:** Steve K. motioned to end, Julie approved, all in favor. **Meeting End Time: 8:28 pm**