LaCrosse Community Pride

Board of Directors meeting 3/17/2023

Present were: Garrett Kane (guest), David Carnes (guest) Jordan (guest), Kathleen, Paige, Jamie, Sarah, Jeff, Alex, Tami by Proxy

Jeff called the meeting to order at **7:02 am**

**Guest:** Garrett Kane

* Presented his FFA prepared speech about No-till Agriculture

David Carnes, Contractor

* David has worked on restoring historic houses in Cashmere and the Roslyn Library.
* He is interested in helping with the Service Station project.
* He believes he will have time to complete the demolition of the building this year and work on building next year.
* David will send us a portfolio of his work.
* Sarah is going to get him the drawing WSU has provided us to date and a timeline for construction. She is also going to talk to Jay to see what we need from David.

Minutes from 3/3/23 were presented. Alex moved, and Jamie seconded to approve the minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report (Paige):** No new updates

**Grants:** No new updates. Sarah sent him a grant to see if he felt we should apply to it.

**Store Building:**

* Paige is finishing the updated lease for the store. Alex moved to increase the rent by $25 to $275 and eliminate the requirement that the store clean the restrooms and provide the cleaning supplies.
* Sarah asked about cleaning the floors in the store building before Farmers’ Fest. After some discussion, it was decided that Sarah would get a quote from Castle Carpet Cleaning.
* The kitchen was not clean when Jeff and Paige went to use it for the senior seminar they had. Someone needs to check it regularly for cleanliness.
* There was a question as to why cleaning supplies are left in the kitchen and not put into the janitor's closet. Sarah said she would look into this.

**Apartments:**

* A tenant has fallen twice in her yard leaving the premises to smoke. She would like us to put sidewalks out the backdoors to the street sidewalk. After much discussion, it was determined that it is not cost effective to do so. It would be expensive to have them poured and mowing would be more challenging. Also, Justin maintains the front sidewalks in bad weather. He does not have time to maintain additional walkways.
* Kathleen will be renting a thatcher from Ace Hardware in a few weeks for the apartment yards.
* The office remodel is still in progress. Kathleen asked if we could put a work order in with Pioneer Telephone to have Justin fix the fiber that was cut during the remodel process. This will ensure there is record of what was done for future remodels. The group agreed to this.

**Andrus Building:** There is potential that Bainbridge will no longer have employees working in LaCrosse. Sarah has not heard from Bainbridge management to verify if this is true.

**Cafe:** No maintenance concerns. The lease for the cafe will be reviewed after April 1st.

**Bank:** Nothing to report.

**Rockhouses:**

* Paige moved and Jamie seconded we hire Cash Construction for the sum of $13,077.48 with half being paid upfront, for the construction of ADA suitable sidewalks at the bunkhouses. Motion carried. Sidewalks should be completed no later than April 15th, 2023.
* One of the mini fridges is no longer working. Sarah is getting the papers to see about a warranty on it. Jamie has put one of her mini fridges in its place for the time being.
* Jeff asked if anyone had looked into the Palouse Conservatory for landscaping help for the bunkhouses.

**Service Station:** Sarah had a group of students moving rocks from under the eve of the service station to look for the top of the fuel tanks. Kelli and Daniel Broeckel were also there with their skid-steer to move pallets of rocks. People have commented on how much cleaner it looks down there with the rocks moved.

**Director’s Report:** Sarah will be asking a friend who has her own bookkeeping firm about training opportunities.

**Other:** Speeder car ride sign-ups will be available before Farmers’ Festival to ensure that we riders.

Next meeting March 31, Promotion (Paige-chair, Leslie, Kelli) and Design (Tami-chair, Kelli, Jamie) committees will have time from 7-7:15 to meet and create goals for the remainder of 2023 and report back as a group. Our regular meeting will begin at 7:20.

Jeff concluded the meeting at 8:52am.

**Action Items:**

All: update volunteer sheet for Sarah

Alex- Move forward on getting an agreement for the railroad property the bunkhouse sits on, Speeder cars

Tami-Update letters for silent auction, tiles

Paige- Working on leases with Jeff

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Kenny-Update bunkhouse addresses with county Assessor’s office

Kathleen- Work on the apartment landscaping as weather permits, check on Andurs roof, work with Sarah to ensure sidewalk project stays on track

Jamie-Work with Sarah to make sure refrigerator issue is resolved