LaCrosse Community Partners

Board of Directors meeting 8/11/2023

Present were: Alex, Jeff, Kathleen, Paige, Jamie, Tami, Sarah

Jeff called the meeting to order at **7:00 am**

Minutes from 7/14/23 were presented. Paige moved, and Alex seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.

**Financial Report (Paige and Sarah):**

* Sarah has our business license in her hands.
* We are still struggling with Quickbooks payroll. The Bank of Eastern Washington offers a service to do direct deposits for free. Jamie is getting additional information about it, but it seems like this is a better option than Quickbooks.
* Jamie is going to start working on setting up bill pay through Bank of Eastern Washington for recurring bills.
* Paige moved that we close the Andrus Building checking, Bank Building checking, Rock House checking, Rock House Savings accounts leaving us with the General checking and savings, Apartment checking and savings, and Apartment tenant deposit checking. Leslie seconded. Motion passed.

**Grants:**

* Sarah turned in the Lewis-Clark Health Foundation grant asking for money to support the cafe and store since they are critical to the health of our community.
* Sarah is working on a grant to Main Street Washington for $3,000 to replace the pool motor. If LCP is a finalist, she will present at Revitalize WA.

**Store Building:**

* At this point, Tami will continue to oversee the cleaning of the store building.

**Apartments:**

* Justin is still working on the sprinklers.
* Sarah was contacted by someone who needs community service. She said they can pull weeds at the apartments for their time. They did not set a date so she feels they probably will not follow through.
* Paige suggested we call the probation office to see if they can bring some volunteers to help.
* Kathleen is pulling weeds and plans to have the beds clean with rock in them by fall.

**Andrus Building:**

* Harrison Electric showed up while Sarah was gone. Kathleen was able to let them in. They have not completed the job.
* Kathleen has been weeding around the building.
* Sarah has an ad in the Lewiston Tribune. She also has talked to the Gazette and is waiting for a response back from them. The Port is also aware of the open building.
* Randy Camp would like to do a 6 month lease on the front portion of the building for $400. After discussion, the board decided not to take this offer.
* Another community member inquired about renting the building for their business, but they also wanted to live in the building. The building does not have facilities for washing and cooking among other issues with residential occupancy. The board decided not to pursue this offer.

**Cafe:**

* We have received another partial payment this month. Sarah feels this is not sustainable. There was some discussion. Jeff asked the board to create a list of requirements the cafe must meet to retain the lease at the cafe. He would present them to the owners.

**Bank:** A new a/c unit is being installed at the bank

**Rockhouses:**

* Bethany has hired Gen McGregor to clean the rock houses. Since Gen will be leaving for school soon she has hired Eyden Roberts as well.
* Sarah is still working on getting the internet up and running inside the bunkhouses.

**Service Station:**

* Sampson’s Plumbing ran a camera down the pipes from the gas pumps. They were unable to locate any fuel tanks. It was suggested Pioneer Telephone use their tracing equipment to find it. TJ will help us where he can.
* Alex has been in communication with Palouse River Coulee City Railroad. He reminded them we need a quitclaim deed for the property the back bunkhouse sits on. He will continue to check in with them.

**Movie night:** Tami will allow us to use the hotdog and popcorn cookers out of the concession stand for movie night. Paige asked for everyone to bring lanterns so we can see when it is dark to tear down. Sarah will advertise at the school. Someone needs to talk to the city about not running the sprinklers.

Next meeting will be August 25 at 7am in the Gathering Place.

Jeff concluded the meeting at 8:00am.

**Action Items:**

**All: Update community service hours**

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

Tami- Card, Crosswalk art

Paige- Help set up BEW bill pay with Jamie

Jeff- Help where needed

Kenny-Help look for new grants to apply for

Kathleen- Help with Rock at bunkhouses, work on the apartment landscaping as weather permits, check on Andurs roof

Jamie- Work with Leslie for photos for the bunkhouses, bookkeeping

Kelli-Signage for LCP owned buildings

Leslie-photos for bunkhouses with Jamie

Rikki-Help where needed