LaCrosse Community Pride

Board of Directors meeting 5/26/2023

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

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

Minutes from 5/12/23 were presented. Alex moved, and Paige seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report (Paige):**

* Neither Jamie or Sarah have account access to any of the LCP accounts. It is frustrating because neither of them can transfer money as needed to pay bills.
* Jamie and Sarah also cannot sign checks. This makes bill paying more difficult having to find two board members to sign, especially when it is non-recurring bills. The board suggested we have a few counter checks on hand for those times. It was also suggested that Sarah be put on the accounts at the end of the year when board realignment is taking place. Ordering stamps for board members who can sign so Jamie does not always have to wait was also an option.
* Paige moved that we allow Jamie to set up online bill pay through Bank of Eastern Washington for our recurring bills and provide a monthly statement to the board showing where the money was spent. Kathleen seconded. Motion passed.

**Grants:**

* Kenny is working with the fire department to fundraise for new PPE.
* We did not receive the Innovia grant.
* Sarah and Leslie are working on getting reimbursement for the HCP grant.
* Sarah is working on a grant due in June for street murals.
* Sarah is concerned that Bethany will not be able to get us full reimbursement on the ED grant and has reached out to Jonelle to see if Sarah could do the reimbursement.

**Store Building:**

* A piece of linoleum is lifting under the counter. Jeff looked at it. Jody currently has something over it, but it will probably need to be patched. .
* The carpets were cleaned in the Gathering Place, library, and Sarah’s office.
* TNA came to work on the AC. The contacts were full sage bugs. It is working now.

**Apartments:**

* Kathleen is still spraying weeds. It is making a noticeable difference.
* We had 7 student volunteers from the school who helped pull weeds around the apartments for 2 hours.
* Justin and Katleen have laid landscape timbers around most of the apartments. They are cutting the sod to match. They have also pulled out some of the shrubs.
* Unit 9 is requesting a second railing off her back porch. Justin will take care of it.
* Kathleen would like to put river rock instead of red rock in the beds. It holds its color longer and is easier to work with. She will get some price quotes and get back to the group.

**Andrus Building:**

* Sarah has given Randy Camp the lease to sign for the scale house. He has not returned it yet.
* Randy found a big mirror in the scalehouse. He wanted to know what to do with it. It does not appear to be old. It was suggested we see if Randy will include it in his yard sales.
* Sarah has not posted the rest of the building is available for rent yet.

**Cafe:**  There has been one payment of $120.

**Bank:** Three of the 4 exterior lights are not working. Sarah has asked the bank multiple times to fix this. She is going to ask Justin to replace the bulbs before Farmers’ Fest.

**Rockhouses:**

* Justin has added a new vault for the fiber located on the back corner on Mike’s property line. He has fiber ran into the mechanical room and is waiting for TNA to add an outlet.
* After jumping through some hoops, the manufacturer is supposed to be sending a replacement mini-fridge for the Wheat Suite. They are moving very slow on this.
* The Wheat Suite has been rented every weekend for the last several weeks. Some by multiple people. We have received great reviews.
* There have been some miscommunications about cleaning the bunkhouses. Sarah has set up a Google Calendar for each bunkhouse and given access to Debra and Bethany so as people schedule they can see when people are coming and going.

**Service Station:**

* Sarah and David met with Don to look at the service station.
* We have a demolition permit and are able to bring it down at any point in time.
* Alex is concerned about salvaging as many of the historical features as possible. He would really like us to save one wall. Sarah is concerned about the added cost to preserve the wall and keep it secure and the aesthetics of having 2 different masons setting the mortar and stones. At our next meeting we will walk down and look at the building. Features the group would like to see salvaged will be marked with tape so Sarah can show the contractor.
* Kathleen has a spot to dump the excess mortar and concrete from the demolition of the building.

**Director’s Report:**

* Sarah noticed a window had fallen out of one of the rock houses. A couple of student volunteers helped fix it. She noticed the floor is very insecure in the houses. She is concerned that someone could fall through if they got into the buildings. It was suggested we add some posts and a rope/cable fence around the perimeter with No Trespassing signs to help with the liability.
* Sarah would like to schedule movie nights in the park soon as school is getting out soon. Paige and Kathleen volunteered to do this.

**Silent Auction:**

* Donations are very low this year.

**Speeder Cars:**

* Alex handed out an itinerary.
* Leslie is setting up an account on Brown Paper Tickets so we can pre-sell tickets.
* Leslie sent a mock-up advertising poster for the group to look at. It was suggested that we add something about the breakfast on it.
* Jeff will handle lunch.
* Beth is serving breakfast which is sponsored by COA.
* We will need several volunteers.

**Museum:**

* The museum desperately needs its door scraped and painted before Farmers’ Fest. Kathleen volunteered to do this.
* The inside of the museum needs to be cleaned and new exhibits need to be put out. Paige volunteered to do the cleaning.

**Name Change:** The previous meeting name choices to replace the word “pride” had been narrowed to Partners, Preservation, and Progress. In lieu of time, Sarah offered to send an email to board members to allow them to vote at their leisure. The results of the vote were 4 for Partners, 3 for Preservation, and 2 for Progress. We will now be LaCrosse Community Partners.

Next meeting will be June 9 at 7am in the Gathering Place. We do our regularly scheduled business and then walk to the service station.

Jeff concluded the meeting at 8:25am.

**Action Items:**

All: Update community service hours, look for potential renter for the Andrus building

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

Tami-Gather Silent Auction Items, Crosswalk art

Paige- Training for Jamie for Quickbooks, help set up BEW bill pay with Jamie

Jeff-Cafe Lunch for speeder car drivers at Farmers’ Fest

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, Speeder car advertising