LaCrosse Community Pride

Board of Directors meeting 4/28/2023

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

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

Minutes from 4/14/23 were presented. Alex moved, and Paoge seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.

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

* Jamie met with Bethany Tuesday. Bethany will complete payroll for the month.
* Jamie will need a filing cabinet. There is a 2 drawer upstairs Sarah will bring down. If this will not work Tami has one that can be used.
* Jamie’s plan is to do bookkeeping work on Tuesdays since that is when Sarah and Bethany both typically work.

**Grants:**

* Kenny is working with the fire department to fundraise for new PPE.
* Paige will share Ryan’s contact information at NW Farm Services to see if they can get some additional money.
* Sarah will look into .09 money
* Alex is strongly in favor of presenting to the Port to see if we can get additional funds to match our HCP grant
* Jeff also suggested we reach out to Geesa as a funding source since they are trying to establish themselves on this side of the state.

**Store Building:**

* A piece of linoleum is lifting under the counter. Jeff will look at it and see what needs to be done to fix it.

**Apartments:**

* Kathleen put Weed and Feed on the lawn.
* Mike is now mowing.
* Kathleen would like to purchase landscaping timbers to put in the front of the beds. The bed shapes will be reworked with hopes that mowing will be easier for Mike, and there will be less need for weedeating and edging.
* The handrails and the light poles need to be painted. Paige volunteered to donate black spray paint.
* It was also suggested we purchase a new flag pole, flag, and light as the current one is not is not holding well.
* Sarah is going to ask Codi Titus at the school about getting some students to do some volunteer work around the apartments.
* There will be a board work party the morning of May 6.

**Andrus Building:**

* There is a lot of insulation missing between the rafters. Sarah said there is some upstairs in the store that could be used.
* Kathleen was supposed to meet with Jamie Warwick today to see if he is interested in renting the building, but he postponed it to next week.
* Kathleen will have Tony, from the city shop, look at the power to help us identify what kind of equipment can be used in the building.

**Cafe:** Jeff will pick up the updated lease from Paige and have Beth sign it. It will be a month to month lease for one year.

**Bank:** Darin has fixed the sink in the bank.

**Rockhouses:**

* Sarah hauled 11 loads of gravel into the bunkhouses. Shawn Mills spread it with his tractor.
* Peggy was able to get 2 quilts donated to the bunkhouses. Sarah will post it on Facebook and send a Thank You card to the donor.
* There is concern over the lack of internet at the bunkhouses. It seems as though we may not be able to get it through Pioneer for a while. Sarah will see if she can speed up the process.

**Service Station:**

* Sarah would like to have a meeting to finalize plans for the service station so she can meet with an architect.
* Paige will send a doodle poll to see what day works best for the group to meet.

**Director’s Report:**

* Sarah spent three days at the Main Street ED conference on Whidbey Island. It was a good learning opportunity. Many things don’t quite apply to our community, but we are doing things that others are not.
* Sarah noticed in her travels, Langley Main Street had plaques for every project they helped with. It gives recognition to the group and helps the community see what types of projects they work on. Sarah would like to see that in LaCrosse. Tami suggested reaching out to Doug at the school to see where the school gets their plaques.
* It is time to sign up for the Revitalize WA conference in October. It will be in Vancouver this year. The group decided to send 4 people again. Sarah will sign them up.

**Silent Auction:**

* The letters have been sent out to potential donors.

**Other Business:** With the word “Pride” being associated with the LGBT community, it could deter potential supporters from associating with our group. It was suggested everyone send a potential name that we can rebrand ourselves with for the next meeting.

Next meeting will be May 12 at 7am in the Gathering Place.

Jeff concluded the meeting at 8:13am.

**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, Cafe Lease

Jeff-Cafe Lease, 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 Sarah to make sure refrigerator issue is resolved, Work with Leslie on photos for bunkhouses

Kelli-Signage for LCP owned buildings

Leslie-photos for bunkhouses with Jamie, Speeder car advertising