



Willow Area Community Organization
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Meeting Minutes

Date: May 2, 2016

Occasion: General Meeting

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Quorum: Community and Board Quorum present

Agenda: Approved as written

Minutes: April 4, 2016 minutes approved as written

Borough Assembly Report: None

Officer Reports:

1. **Secretary:** No report.

2. **Treasurer:** Revenue share letter received from the Borough – there is \$19,300 available. Applications for revenue share money are on the WACO web site. Applications must be received by July 15th and be presented at the August meeting. Property tax on parkland is \$1,900.00 per year and Vince has been working with Borough to remove tax liability on the property.

3. **Vice Chair:** No report.

4. **Chair:** Reviewed old revenue share balances and found there is unspent money from 2013 and 2014. Borough said revenue share money might end in the near future. Gravel and doors around community center will be completed in June.

Committee Reports:

1. **Carnival:** Committee meets the 3rd Monday in WCC at 7 pm every month starting in July.

2. **Trails:** Wrapping up financial reports. Hardening on Windssock Trail will begin as soon as the ground thaws.

3. **Youth Forum:** No meeting Thursday. In June will stake locations of venues on parkland with reference to master plan.

4. **CERT:** May 14th is Emergency Preparedness Fair and volunteers are needed. There are 25 exhibitors. CPR and First Aide class will be May 21st from 9 am to 2:30 pm in WCC. Cost is \$81.00 and includes lunch. Working on a safety plan for 4th of July parade. Talon Boeve, Brenda McCain, Sue Morgan and Val Schachle are appointed to an ad hoc committee to work on the safety plan.

MOTION: Accept Talon Boeve, Brenda McCain, Sue Morgan and Val Schachle as hoc committee members to work on safety plan for 4th of July parade. Motion seconded.

VOTE: Passed unanimous.

5. **Willow Recycling:** Asked for \$1,400.00 to waterproof the recycle trailer and this was approved.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

1. Appreciation awards were presented to outgoing WACO board. Val Schachle was present to receive her award, the others will be mailed.

2. Twelve Academic Scholarships requests were received and seven were granted. The recipients for this years \$1,000 award are: James Davenport, Samantha Davenport, Deborah Johnston, Coreann Bean, Liz Millman, Reckia Hewton, and James Mabry. Congratulations to all!

3. Tam Boeve requested \$450.00 to cover food costs for May 5th Borough Assembly budget hearing in WCC.
MOTION: Grant request for \$450.00 for food for May 5th Borough Assembly budget hearing.
 Motion seconded.
VOTE: Passed unanimous.
4. Talon Boeve read a draft letter from WACO requesting the study area of the Su-dam extend south to include use in the Willow region. (Letter posted on WACO web site)
MOTION: Send the letter. Motion seconded. Discussion resulted in adding a Friendly Amendment: include words "if studies are continued".
VOTE: Passed unanimous.
5. My House requested a donation for \$5,000.00. Brenda McCain talked about My House and said they offered immediate support to Sockeye Fire victims and support kids in our community by helping them learn skills. Several other people spoke about the positive work My House has done in general and for members of our community.
MOTION: Donate \$5,000.00 to My House. Motion Seconded.
VOTE: 20 Yes votes, 8 No votes. Motion Passed.

At-Large Representative Reports:

1. Carrie said the gas line project is holding public meetings. One was held at Trapper Creek.
2. Talon attended the Willow Lake Use meeting. She also said the Willow Recovery Team Sockeye Fire anniversary event will be June 18th from 2 -4 pm. More information will be coming.

Community Groups/Clubs

1. Chamber of Commerce: Adopt a highway program will include mile 61 to mile 85. Willow clean up is May 7 - 15. Yellow bags going to garbage transfer site are free.
2. Community Enrichment: There may be dance classes for kids – more information will be coming. No movies in the summer. Yoga will be not be offered for a few months. Looking for new ideas or community enrichment activities.
3. Library: Getting ready for summer reading program and working on program for older kids. Library has no increase in funding. Bill Mailer reported the new library and WCC improvement cost is \$5.66 million: \$4.3 million for library and \$1.36 million for community center improvements. Library group is asking Borough for \$636,000 for design costs.
MOTION: Request WACO send letter of support to Borough to fund \$636,000 for design phase of new library and WCC improvements. Motion seconded.
VOTE: 13 Yes votes, 5 no votes. Motion Passed.
4. Lion's Club: May 15th will have an Ice Cream Social membership drive. Lion's is partnering with reading program to target 12-18 year olds.
5. Willow Health Organization: There were 100 participants in the April Health Fair.
6. Willow Long Term Recovery Team: Still working on a few homes.
7. Willow Historical Wildlife Foundation: Borough will send a letter on May 5th regarding building.

Announcements: None.

Adjourn 8:45
 Next Meeting June 6th at 7 pm

SUBMITTED:

 Secretary Date

APPROVED:

 Harry Banks, Chair Date