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Meeting Minutes

Date: December 5, 2016

Occasion: General Meeting

Called to Order: 7:06 pm

Quorum: Board Quorum and Community Quorum present.

Agenda: Approved adding Melissa Kemberling for MatSu Health Foundation as guest speaker.

Minutes: November 7, 2016 minutes approved as amended.

Borough Assembly Report: No Report.

Officer Reports:

- 1. Secretary:** Discussed that all grant proposals and grant information will be stored in a folder in WCC.
- 2. Treasurer:** All of the revenue share grant money designated to the 40-acre park has been used. WCC fuel oil bill was only \$300-400 instead of \$2,400 that was normal bill before geothermal heat pump. Vince said year-end money from gaming needs to be reduced by only \$11,000.
- 3. Vice Chair:** Kathy will be making changes on use of WCC.
- 4. Chair:** Comments page on file. Harry welcomed new Board members Kathy Watkins and Bill Mailer. The school district will help with needs assessment for pre-school. Feedback from this is expected in January or February. He asked Mat Su Music to advise on repairs to WCC sound system.

Guest Speaker: Melissa Kemberling presented information on the Mat Su Health needs assessment. Book is available in the Library. Two noted outcomes of assessment: 1) work on a community resource center and 2) develop a care coordination program.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Carnival:** Raffle tickets are available. Asked for volunteers to help with Kitchen.
- 2. Trails:** No report.
- 3. Youth Forum:** Newman's submitted a bill for \$25,000 to construct parking lot in 40-acre park. They donated well over \$6,000 in materials and service. The community extends a huge thank you to Newman's for their generosity. Work in the park is done for the year. Currently waiting for information from the Borough regarding the bond money dedicated to the park. Thank you to Trails Committee for committing to plow the driveway and parking lot this winter.
- 4. CERT:** Want to increase training of CERT team – 16 members attended last training event.
- 5. Willow Recycling:** No matter what the weather recycling is always open on its days of service. Some Christmas materials are not recyclable.
- 6. Fire Service:** Fifteen calls last month. Four-mile structure is under construction and will be completed by first part of January. The tanker truck donated from Anchorage is being worked on. Fire crew is building up ice on the skating rink.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- 1. Year End WACO Grant Awards.** The awards were advertised as having a total of \$15,0000 however, at the beginning of this meeting Vince said the amount in gaming that needed to be reduced by end of year was only \$11,000. The Board took a short break and discussed this as the committee had made recommendations based on the 15K number. The Board reconvened and the following motion was made:

MOTION: To keep the total amount of year-end grants at \$15,000. Motion seconded.

VOTE: 6 yes, 1 no. Motion passed.

MOTION: Approve funded projects as recommended by committee.

VOTE: Passed unanimous

Funded projects are as follows:

- 1) Willow Elementary School ski equipment: \$6,000
- 2) Arctic Paws for service dog equipment: \$2,000
- 3) CERT training: \$1,568.00
- 4) Willow Elementary School for Safe Bus Rider Appreciation Day Movie: \$1,500.00
- 5) Willow Junior 100 sled dog race: \$1,000
- 6) Willow Library Programs: \$3,000.00

At-Large Representative Reports:

- 1) Talon attended CERT training. The 40-acre park has a kiosk that was donated by Bill Dale.
- 2) Carrie had one request for a WACO financial report.

Community Groups/Clubs

1. **Chamber of Commerce:** Played Santa at Community Dinner.
2. **Community Enrichment:** No report.
3. **Library:** Next computer class will be in January. Library closed Dec. 24 – 26 and Jan 2. Kara Eubank arranged Clair Fitzgerald's Christmas Village in cabinet in WCC hallway.
4. **Lion's Club:** No report.
5. **Willow Health Organization:** Doing preliminary work on April Health Fair.
6. **Willow Historical Wildlife Association:** Meeting Dec. 14th at 7pm in WCC. Working on bylaws.
7. **Willow Dog Musers Association:** No report.
8. **Garden Club:** Floral arrangement workshop Dec. 17th.
9. **LNG:** Nothing to report for some time so asked to remove from minutes.
10. **PTA:** No report.

Persons to be Heard: None

Announcements: 163 families were recipients of Thanksgiving Blessing. Marianne spoke for Willow Elementary to thank Board for approving school's grant proposals.

Adjourned 8:30 pm. Next Meeting January 9th.

SUBMITTED:

Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Harry Banks, Chair

Date