



Willow Area Community Organization
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Meeting Minutes

Date: February 13, 2017

Occasion: General Meeting

Called to Order: 7:03 pm

Quorum: Board Quorum present. No Community Quorum.

Agenda: Approved adding Kierre Childers from MEA as guest speaker and Willow Elementary yearbook ad request to new business.

Minutes: January 9, 2016 minutes approved as written.

Borough Assembly Report: No report.

Officer Reports:

- 1. Secretary:** Mike Gieffeli said he could make recommendations to improve WCC sound system. We will invite him to speak at March meeting.
- 2. Treasurer:** Carnival made approximately \$16,000 profit. Sully's is now closed so WACO should be looking for a new location to sell pull-tabs. Without additional income, Vince estimated operating expenses will exceed incoming money by close to \$15,000 a year. Currently WACO has net assets of about \$150,000. Discussed how much money to offer for scholarships this year.
- 3. Vice Chair:** Kathy suggested WACO might look into Mat Su Health Foundation Grants. She discussed new steps for scheduling WCC.
- 4. Chair:** Harry thanked everyone who worked on Carnival and said it went really well. New amplifier was installed in WCC and worked well. Newman's is closed as a public source for water this winter but water will be available during summer months.

Guest Speakers:

1. Kierre said MEA has not had a majority of property owners from mile 72 – 77 agree on clearing dead trees beyond MEA right of way. Property owners have until the end of March to respond.
2. Bruce Thornycraft from Gold Torrent spoke about the gold mine. Will make a public presentation on Feb. 16th at 7 pm in WCC.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Carnival:** There will be a Carnival wrap up meeting on March 13 at 7 pm in WCC.
- 2. Trails:** Trails all look good. Trails meeting moved to 4th Wednesday in February.
- 3. Youth Forum:** Talon discussed funding of park and said plans were reviewed for bike pump park.
- 4. CERT:** Mat Su Borough has recognized CERT group and has hired a liaison between CERT and Borough.
- 5. Willow Recycling:** No report.
- 6. Fire Service:** Had 16 calls last month. Station on 4 mile road cistern is operational. ISO rating: will review Willow area and insurance rates may be lowered. Fire service needs volunteers.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

1. Discussed if WACO should make a comment on proposed subdivision. Tom said Trails Committee is proposing a multiple use trail along one side of proposed subdivision.

2. Willow Elementary asked WACO to place an ad in their yearbook.
MOTION: WACO pay \$100 for full page ad in Willow Elementary Yearbook. Seconded.
Friendly Amendment: Reduce ad to ½ page for \$50.
VOTE: Passed unanimous (\$50 ad).

At-Large Representative Reports:

1. Talon helped Carnival in various ways
2. Carrie had people ask questions about gold mine.
3. Bill had people ask questions about gold mine.

Community Groups/Clubs

1. **Chamber of Commerce:** Next meeting is March 9th. Iditarod golf cancelled as the lake will not be plowed.
2. **Community Enrichment:** Movie night coming soon.
3. **Library:** Listed current events happening in February. Library raffle drawing will be during 4th of July picnic. Library submitted application for Capitol Improvement Project funding for library. Also said Mat Su Health Foundation could be a first funder for such a project.
4. **Lion's Club:** Bloodmobile received enough blood donations during Carnival to help 42 people. Family skate night on Friday at school. Will sponsor raffle for 5th grade class to go to Katchemak Bay.
5. **Willow Health Organization:** No report.
6. **Willow Historical Wildlife Foundation:** Meeting March 8th at 7pm in WCC.
7. **Willow Dog Musers Association:** Carnival Willow 300 sled dog race was a success.
8. **Garden Club:** No report.
10. **PTA:** No report.

Persons to be Heard/Announcements:

1. Todd Smolden suggested a group form to find new sources to sell pull-tabs for WACO. Suggested WACO write a letter outlining funding needs.
2. Kathy spoke about Sunshine Clinic – Talkeetna will offer CPR and AED classes on April 5th. Clinic is hiring 4 new positions – more information is on clinic web site. There will be two local health fairs – March 11 in Talkeetna and April 15 in Willow.
3. Jim Huston talked about overflow issue on lake and how dangerous it can be. He said when plowing snow off lakes be sure to plow to edge and not on lake ice - as that creates problems.

Adjourned 8:52 pm. Next Meeting March 6th.

SUBMITTED:

Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Harry Banks, Chair

Date