



Willow Area Community Organization
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Meeting Minutes

Date: March 6, 2017

Occasion: General Meeting

Called to Order: 7:03 pm

Quorum: Board Quorum and Community Quorum present.

Agenda: Approved as written.

Minutes: February 13, 2017 minutes approved as written.

Borough Assembly Report: No report.

Officer Reports:

- 1. Secretary:** No report.
- 2. Treasurer:** No report.
- 3. Vice Chair:** New plan for scheduling WCC working well.
- 4. Chair:** There is information available on a timber sale.

Guest Speakers:

1. Patricia Fisher discussed Mat Su Recycling Coalition Plastic Bag Committee. She discussed the hazards associated with single use plastic bags; they are a hazard to fish and animals as some eat the bags. The Committee plans to run ads on radio about the hazards of plastic bags and is seeking funds for the ads.

MOTION: Support Plastic Bag Committed with a \$200.00 donation. Motion Seconded.

Discussion about the motion – Vince was absent and without current financial report.

MOTION TO DIVIDE: Make verbal support and discuss financial support at April meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION TO DIVIDE: All yes, 2 abstain from voting. Motion passes.

MOTION: WACO go on record that they support Mat Su Recycling Plastic Bag Committee. Motion seconded.

VOTE: Passed unanimous.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Carnival:** There will be a Carnival wrap up meeting on March 13 at 7 pm in WCC. April meeting is time to choose next year's Carnival theme.
- 2. Trails:** Trails are excellent. Have submitted a grant to survey trails outside of WCC. Also a grant to construct trail from Shirley Lake into park..
- 3. Youth Forum:** Mat Su Borough Representative will attend next park meeting to discuss their roll in park development. Park is named Pat Newman Memorial Park. Working on a sign.
- 4. CERT:** CERT will be present at the March 11 Health Fair in Talkeetna. There will be a CERT traffic management class on March 18 and CERT will be present ate the March 25th "Get Connected" Mat Su Expo.
- 5. Willow Recycling:** Fifty six people recycled the last day in February. Did not receive a grant to purchase new dumpster, will try again. Borough is offering free composting classes in April. Information is on the Borough web site.
- 6. Fire Service:** Had 10 calls last month.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

1. Nominating Committee provided a list of names for WACO officers to be voted on in the April Election. Names and bios will be posted on the WACO web site.
2. Fire Department dance is at 6:00pm March 11 and is a fundraiser for Lori Wietsema's medical expenses. Asked if they can have corn dogs and pretzels left over from Carnival.
MOTION: Donate whatever left over food the fundraiser can use. Motion seconded.
VOTE: Passed unanimous.
3. Sue and Linda have organized 4th of July picnic for several years and this will be their last year. Need a new people to organize in future years.
4. Michael made some suggestions on how to upgrade WCC sound system. Base speakers should be moved to the floor and could use second amplifier and stage monitor. He will write his suggestions and options for upgrades and present to WACO. He also suggested it would be a good idea to have an instruction sheet on how to use the system.

At-Large Representative Reports:

1. Talon attended Gold Torrent Presentation.
2. Carrie said MEA has not heard from enough people on the right of way clearing –also people have contacted he with questions and concerns about the gold mine.
3. Amber said the Fire Department is working on ice rink.

Community Groups/Clubs

1. **Chamber of Commerce:** Next meeting is March 9th at Huston Market Place 6 pm dinner and 7 pm meeting.
2. **Community Enrichment:** No report.
3. **Library:** Discussed March activities. Starting to organize summer reading program – volunteers are needed for that program. Library submitted a funding request from CAPSIS program.
4. **Lion's Club:** Raffle drawing is March 24th.
5. **Willow Health Organization:** CPR class will be taught April 5 in Talkeetna.
6. **Willow Historical Wildlife Foundation:** Meeting March 8th at 7pm in WCC.
7. **Willow Dog Musers Association:** No report.
8. **Garden Club:** No meeting in March.
10. **PTA:** Winter Carnival breakfast was very successful. April 8th putting Extravaganza. Will be writing a grant for a digital sign board for school that could also post community events.

Persons to be Heard/Announcements:

1. Todd Smolden read a letter that will be presented to potential new pull-tab vendors for WACO.
2. Short discussion if committees listed in bylaws are useful.
3. Brenda would like more detailed financial information each month.

Adjourned 9:00 pm. Next Meeting April 3rd.

SUBMITTED:

Secretary Date

APPROVED:

Harry Banks, Chair Date