



Willow Area Community Organization
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Meeting Minutes

Date: August 7, 2017

Occasion: General Meeting

Called to Order: 7:10 pm

Quorum: Board Quorum and Community Quorum present.

Agenda: Approved as written.

Minutes: July 11, 2017 minutes approved as written.

Borough Assembly Report: Randall explained the Borough sales tax is to fund education but the ordinance failed in Borough Assembly. The school district asked the Assembly to try to institute the tax. Randall discussed some issues on school funding. A plastic bag tax was introduced – cities may want to ban plastic bags. This will be discussed at the next assembly meeting.

Officer Reports:

- 1. Secretary:** Read the thank you from Library to Garden Club for helping kids make container gardens. Looking into the possibility of upgrading WACO web site to include some visitor information. Members of Communications Committee are Tam Boeve, Carrie Smolden and Phil Rhode.
- 2. Treasurer:** Handed out his monthly report. Members of Ways and Means Committee are Bill Mailer, Mary Rhode and Lyn Phillips. Vince is trying to find new location for pull-tab sales.
- 3. Vice Chair:** Jim resigned.
- 4. Chair:** No notes on Chair's report.

Guest Speaker did not show up.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Carnival.** First planning meeting is August 21, 7 pm in WCC. Think of T-shirt designs.
- 2. Trails:** Need a name for the mile long trail from park to Shirley Lake. Next meeting August 19 in WCC.
- 3. Youth Forum:** Park dedication is September 9 at 1 pm. Bring picnic lunch and chairs. Cookies and juice will be provided.
- 4. CERT:** Willow CERT members, Kathy and Gary Watkins helped with CERT basic training course in Cordova and attended at their own expense. The same class will be offered in Willow in November. You don't have to join CERT to take the class.
- 5. Willow Recycling:** Let your Assemblyman know how you feel about plastic bag tax or ban. There will be a community composting class on September 16.
- 6. Fire Service:** There were 12 calls in July. Took possession of 4 wheel drive rescue engine.

Unfinished Business

1. Committee recommendations on parking lot rental agreement.
MOTION: WACO accept parking lot rental agreement as put forth by Parking Lot Rental Committee.
Motion seconded.
VOTE: Passed by majority.
2. Review Patti White request to use parking lot for WGT.
MOTION: WACO allow WGT to continue to use gravel parking lot through Sept 4.
Motion seconded.
Amendment to the motion: WGT be allowed to camp on Saturday nights in parking lot until end of their time this summer. Seconded.
VOTE: Yes: 10 No: 13 Amendment failed.
VOTE on Original MOTION; Yes: 20 No: none Original motion passed.

New Business

1. Change WACO meeting to 1st Wednesday of the month as there are conflicts of the WACO Monday meeting with Borough Assemblyman as Talkeetna has the same meeting date. Also some conflicts with Monday holidays and trainings.

MOTION: Change WACO meeting night from the 1st Monday of each month to the 1st Wednesday of each month starting in October. Motion seconded.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: 21 yes 0 no Amendment passed.

2. Revenue Share Committee recommendations. (On file) Todd discussed the reasons the committee based their recommendations on.

The following were the recommendations for funding from the committee:

- 1) Willow Library Programs: \$1,200
- 2) Imagination Library: \$840
- 3) Willow Food Pantry: \$500
- 4) CERT: \$300
- 5) Willow Creek Parkway Trail: \$1,000
- 6) Waldron's Pond Memorial Park: \$1,000
- 7) Willow Directory: Not Funded

MOTION: Approve Revenue Share Committee summary recommendations as documented. Motion seconded.

Discussion followed.

Amendment to Motion: Increase funding to CERT to \$1000. Seconded.

VOTE on Amendment: 2 yes 2 no Chair breaks tie with a no vote. Amendment fails.

Amendment to Motion: Fund Willow Directory in the amount of \$500. Seconded.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: Yes 4 1 abstain Amendment passed.

Vote on Original MOTION

VOTE: Yes 5 Motion passed.

The final distribution of Revenue Share Funds is as follows:

- 1) Willow Library Programs: \$1,200
- 2) Imagination Library: \$840
- 3) Willow Food Pantry: \$500
- 4) CERT: \$300
- 5) Willow Creek Parkway Trail: \$1,000
- 6) Waldron's Pond Memorial Park: \$1,000
- 7) Willow Directory: \$500
- 8) The remaining money is to be used for: Willow Community Center upgrades and maintenance

At-Large Representative Reports:

1. Bill said the Willow Library Association submitted a grant for 1.7 million on July 1. 24% would go to upgrades for WCC.
2. Talon attended several meetings.
3. Amber had no report.
4. Carrie requested there be an ASAP meeting in Willow.

Community Groups/Clubs

1. **Chamber of Commerce:** Business Leader of the Year award to Veit and Veit and Willow Pioneer award to Rosalie White.
2. **Community Enrichment:** No report.
3. **Library:** Summer reading program finished. Look for Story Time and DVD sale and swap in September.
4. **Lion's Club:** Program for Willow youth 6th grade was successful. Community calendar is in full swing. Hope to have it in the mail by September. Skate night will start 3rd Friday in October.

5. **Willow Health Organization:** Farmer's Market has 5 more weeks.
6. **Willow Historical Wildlife Foundation:** Old log building was added to Alaska Historical Register.
7. **Willow Dog Musers Association:** No report.
8. **Garden Club:** This past year the club supplied plants to those affected by Sockeye Fire. The club donated \$500 to botanical gardens in Fairbanks but planned trip the money was to be used for was cancelled. Club has opportunities for volunteers on various committees.
10. **PTA:** Have a new preschool teacher. Open House will be from 5:30 to 7:30 September 7th. Thanked community for their support. Offered WACO a salad bar.

Persons to be Heard/Announcements:

1. Jim Huston said the privacy clause regarding the old log building lawsuit does not apply to Willow residents. Jim read a statement that is on file. He also presented a statement he wanted on file regarding a WACO meeting on September 2009. These are in the WACO meeting 3 ring binder.
2. Dave Korpe spoke about issues regarding the music events at the amphitheater on Sockeye Road.
3. Julie Moyer also spoke on the amphitheater issues.

Adjourned 9:20 pm. Next Meeting September 11

SUBMITTED:

Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Harry Banks, Chair

Date