

Minutes for Feb. 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Kanyid at 10:08 am. Minutes from Nov. 8th meeting were approved. Twenty people in attendance--we began with introductions

Treasurer's Report for Nov. 2008 through Feb. 2009 - Dianna Moore

Income: \$1514

Expenditures: approx. \$1200

Current balance: \$7,048.92

Social Committee Report - Donna Bessire

Next potluck will be on Feb. 28th at 6:00 pm and will be hosted by Bill and Carol Thwaites. There is a potluck the last Saturday of every month unless there is a holiday event.

History Committee Report - Barbara Bennett

Barbara told about the new Historic Building plaque placed at the old entrance to the Schoolhouse. Stop by and take a look.

Building Manager's Report - Sue Beckman

A new toilet was installed in the Schoolhouse by Christensen Plumbing as the old one had cracked over the winter.

Litter Program - Ann Kanyid

Ann sent around a sign up sheet for the final months of 2009 for the litter clean-up. We pick up litter at both parking areas (the end of Pacific Street and the parking lot at Bay Ocean Road) as well as the length of the spit road. There is a garbage can at the first gate at the parking lot on the spit road. Even if you are not officially signed up--it's always good to help keep our community clean by picking up trash when you see it.

Old Business

During the Executive Comm. Meeting, we discussed purchasing bricks (to be placed on the walkway outside the Schoolhouse) to recognize people or groups who have served the community. It was decided that anyone that serves as an officer of the CMCA for three years as well as others providing outstanding services will be given a complimentary brick. Some individuals and groups considered were: Tim Williams (3 years as Pres.); Sue Beckman (6, or is it 7, years as Schoolhouse Building Manager); Christensen Plumbing (discount on plumbing work done this year); North Coast Lawn (discount work done on the Schoolhouse grounds) and the Volunteer Firefighters. We will have additional "drives" to sell bricks during the summer. All the bricks that have been purchased will be installed once a year

because of the cost of tearing out the walkway to place new bricks. This will probably be in Sept. If you want to purchase a brick for yourself or someone else (what a nice gift!), e-mail Dianna Moore at pasta@charter.net. The cost is \$100 per brick.

New Business

Announcement of the nominated (volunteered) officers for the next year, to be voted on at the May meeting:

Chris Spence - President

BJ Byron - President-elect

Merrie Ziady - Secretary

vacant - Secretary-elect

Dianna Moore - Treasurer

Sue Beckman - Building Manager

Donna Bessire - Social Committee Chair

The meeting was adjourned.

We broke from the usual format so we could have an informal discussion of some questions about the future of the Community Assoc. The following questions received extensive discussion:

1. Is CMCA still important to the Cape Meares community? If "yes", are the attached goals still the ones we want to maintain? (See e-mail 2-1-2009 from Ann)

Summary: The consensus was that the CMCA is still important. The goals that were most important were to continue the social events; provide information regarding issues and concerns of interest to the community; maintaining the Schoolhouse Building; and keeping the residents informed about "what's happening".

2. If the answer to #1 is "yes", share ideas on how to manage CMCA if no one is willing to be President. How would duties be covered?

Summary: If we don't have enough volunteers to serve as officers sometime, the community will come back together to decide how to proceed.

3. Re: Goals #1 and 3. What kind of fund raisers would you suggest? How many per year? (garage sales, silent auctions, calendars, brick sales, donations done in the past) Executive Committee also wanted discussion of a contingency fund and capital improvements.

Summary: In discussing the contingency fund, the group felt there is a need for a

contingency fund by we can't make a decision about the amount until we make some decisions about what capital improvements we need and how much they will cost. One capital improvement currently being planned is putting a cement floor in the shed plus a cement base for the barbeques. The other pending project is the replacement of the septic system. The consensus of the group was that we would plan fund-raising campaigns devoted to specific projects and have the work done once the funds have been raised. After projects have been completed, left over or additional funds will be used to build the contingency fund.

As to the fund raisers--we will continue to sell bricks; se will also sell calendars; and we will have the garage sale again next summer (possibly Labor Day). There is also a plan to reinstate the Crafts Show in August.

Before we have more discussion as to whether to continue with capital projects, it was decided to find out where we stand regarding the septic system. It was decided to have the septic system pumped and inspected to get a determination of what needs to be done and possibly a cost estimate.

The idea to create a website for Cape Meares came up. We will begin exploring whether this is a possibility and what benefits and costs there would be to the community. One of our goals is to promote communication in the community. Is this a good way to do this? A report will be made at the May meeting.

Some agenda items for May meeting, Saturday, May 9th:

1. Election of officers for 2009-10 (we still need a secretary-elect)
2. Plans for Memorial Day activities/ July 4th Activities / The Summer Garage Sale
3. Septic System replacement
4. Cement floor in the shed
5. Progress on the website development

Ann also sent a sign-up sheet around the room asking for people to volunteer to work on different projects. So, if you did not attend the meeting, but would like to volunteer for any of these projects, please let me know and I will give your name and interest to the pres., pres.-elect, and/or social committee.

1. I am willing to assume a role on the executive committee (be an officer).

Name Position

2. I am willing to assume a role in helping with a special event such as a picnic, potluck, parade, or building maintance.

Name Event/task

3. I am willing to assume a role in fund raising such as garage sales, silent auctions.

Name Preference

The meeting concluded at 11:25 am.

Julie Haggblom

Secretary, CMCA