

CAPE MEARES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING, AUGUST 11, 2012

In attendance: Carol and Bill Thwaites, Scott Gordon, Jim Woodle, Spike Klobas, Donna and Jim Bessire, BJ Byron, Bob Yolton, Sue Beckman, Ann Kanyid, Marcille and Charles Ansoerge, Sue Drafahl, Chris Spence, Dianna "Pasta" Moore, Louise Watkins

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Spence at 10:00 am. The minutes of the May meeting were corrected by Sue Beckman: BJ Byron has not resigned as Social Chairman, but has requested an immediate need for an assistant since she will be absent from ongoing summer events. Correction noted.

Under old business, Chris announced that new community member Charles Ansoerge has volunteered to assume the vacant CMCA Board position of Secretary-elect in 2012. Carol Thwaites moved to elect Charles to this position, and he was so elected by proclamation. Marcille Ansoerge has volunteered to assist Spike Klobas on the Beautification Committee and contribute to the ongoing landscape maintenance at the schoolhouse.

Spike reported that help is needed to maintain our community hiking trails, and that efforts by walkers to clip brush as it intrudes upon the path would be greatly appreciated. She recently discovered a beach fire which had not been properly extinguished, and noted that all beach walkers should continue to be aware of this hazard and to take appropriate action.

BJ Byron reported from the Social Committee that the next community event will be the **Labor Day Weekend Pig Roast and Potluck to be held on Sunday, September 2 at 1 pm**. She needs a volunteer BBQ crew to assist. Please call BJ @ 842-2738 if you can help.

A Silent Auction will also be held from 1-3 pm on Sept 2 during the Potluck. Now seeking items including artwork, services, collectibles, and other treasures to make this fundraiser a success!

Treasurer "Pasta" Moore reported a beginning balance of \$ 2,896.21 on May 10, 2012. Expenses in the quarter included \$1880 for schoolhouse supplies and maintenance, \$200 for utilities, \$1578 for Social Committee and 4th of July expense, \$1125 for Cape Meares calendar production expense and \$620 for the new schoolhouse refrigerator. Income included \$1,100 from brick sales, \$1295 from CMCA calendar sales, \$1097 from cash donations, \$490 from Schoolhouse rentals, \$1,481 from auctions, and \$959 from the 4th of July Garage Sale, with an ending balance of \$ 5,861 on August 12, 2012.

Chris continued the discussion of fundraising efforts since the CMCA has operated the last fiscal year at a slight deficit. Many community members have voiced their desire to re-instate e-mail

announcements and notifications which are currently available only on our website: capemeares.net which was designed and is maintained by Jack and Sue Drafahl. The CMCA board suggested that the website and e-mail list in combination would increase information to homeowners and maximize involvement in both social events and fundraising efforts. Chris passed on information about a service (“Mail Chimp”) used in Manzanita and Netarts that has proved to be successful for their communications. Charles Ansorge volunteered to assist in this effort.

Discussion of the minimal income raised from the garage sale, and the challenge of continuing the brick sales followed. Due to the unavailability of the style of brick which we have currently installed, the possibility to begin a new section adjacent to the schoolhouse in a new brick style was suggested. “Pasta” Moore will research the current cost of bricks and installation and report at the November general meeting.

Also discussed was the option of soliciting a voluntary annual cash donation from each of the approximately 200 Cape Meares homeowners following the model of Oregon Public Broadcasting in order to create a contingency fund for schoolhouse expenses.

The CMCA Board also suggested that a minimal fee to utilize the schoolhouse for smaller community gatherings open to all residents be considered, since expenses are incurred each time the building is used, and the schoolhouse is currently operating at a deficit. Fundraising ideas are needed and will be discussed again at the November meeting.

Chris Spence reported that the Cape Meares Volunteer Firefighters, Station 7 (which is currently staffed by Bob Ollikainen, Randy Klobas, Jane Spence and Ken Moulis) now enables Cape Meares residents to enjoy a significant savings on fire insurance . By maintaining this unit our ISO rating is reduced from 10 to 4, which is the same risk rating enjoyed by the City of Tillamook. A weekly drill is exercised by these volunteers to maintain this status, which provides tangible benefits to Cape Meares. Additional resident volunteers are needed to ensure the future of this vital community asset—**without volunteers we will lose the fire station in Cape Meares** as well as the financial advantage that come with it.

Chris reported that volunteer activities are ongoing, including repairs due to dryrot around some windows and siding replacement. Scott Gordon will donate a liner for the original siding, which will prevent future moisture damage. **A coordinator is needed to maintain the volunteer spreadsheet since we have a good number of landscape volunteers . Please contact Chris at Chris@CSpencebuilder.com if you can organize this effort.**

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Watkins, CMCA Secretary

