

Minutes of CMCA Meeting - Jan. 26, 2019

Deborah Neal forcefully gaveled the meeting to order at 10am.

Deborah asked community members present to consider helping the Board as assistant treasurer and Designated historian. Jenny Stanley expressed interest in the latter position.

Anita presented the treasurer's report and advised the group that our finances are in good condition. CMCA currently has funds totaling \$28,623.02, which breaks down to \$2362.09 in checking (operations), \$16,262.21 for emergency preparedness, \$5500 for operation reserves, and \$4498.72 for School House Preservation. \$1783 was raised at the New Year's Eve silent auction and \$6019 from end of year letter donations. The community as a whole has been very generous in their support.

Building and Grounds report: Patti Smith said that all is in good shape and made mention of the great help provided by Kathy and Kevin Burke.

The Spring clean-up is scheduled for April 27th from 9-12.

Charles Saxon has indicated he will run a CPR class for those interested. There was much interest shown as 16 people at the meeting indicated they would like to take such a training. No date has yet been set.

Emergency preparedness. Chris Spence spoke about plans to build shed #3 this current year. Siting is still under consideration. Chris also told us about the possibility (necessity?) of building a larger structure which would be used for triage and a Fema trailer. We would need to find an affordable and buildable spot for such a structure. A motion was made and carried to have Mike Neal and Chris Spence form an exploratory committee to report back to the community on possible sites and funding for a triage building.

Deborah spoke of the need for keeping documentation of processes for applying for grants and for keeping track of volunteer work. Beverly Stein indicated a willingness to take this on.

Kathy Burke and Deborah Neal reported on the Tsunami awareness conference they attended this past month in Newport. One of their take-aways was that it would be unrealistic in the case of a catastrophic event to expect any quick help from major state organizations, which will be

busy with more populated areas, and that we need to prepare ourselves (which we are doing) and depend on neighbors and local volunteers. Because of our limited access to roads, Cape Meares could be one of the last to receive help.

There was a discussion of driftwood fires on the beach. Although it is not against the law to have beach fires (except in "no fires" season), the problem arises when the fires are not properly and completely put out or when fires are built in driftwood section in dunes. We should be pro-active in monitoring fire behavior on beach and call 911 if violations are observed.

Jenny Stanley presented valuable information for pet owners about how to handle their pets in an emergency (disaster) situation. Jenny will provide a list of steps for owners to take both before and during an emergency at the next community meeting.

Butch Freedman reported on the current situation and regulations regarding short term rentals (str's). A number of residents have expressed concerns about problems with such properties. We should be aware that there are very specific regulations in Tillamook County (Ordinance #84) regarding such properties and appropriate complaint procedures. These complaints can be addressed to the Tillamook Dept. of Community Development. More information will be posted on Nextdoor about rights and procedures for complaints. The ordinance is currently being reviewed and (hopefully) strengthened by Tillamook Board of Commissioners.

Volunteers are needed to host future potlucks. These need not have a particular theme (though they can) and are very important in keeping a sense of community - especially in the winter months.

It was decided to sign up for internet connectivity at the school house on a one-year trial basis to see if the community would make use of it in various ways. Kevin Burke agreed to help set this up.

On March 9, Pete Steen will lead a post-disaster foraging workshop from 10-12 in the school house. Bring a notebook and sack lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45

Community members present:

Dave and Ruthie Freitas

Mary and Scott Gordon

Neil and Ardis Schroeder

Charles Ansorge

Pete Steen

Bev Stein

Kate Merz

Jon and Marjorie Hirsch

Melinda Conti

Kathy and Kevin Burke

Narayan Lincoln

Andy Ayers

Mike Neal

Randy Klobas

Bob Garrigues

Chris Spence

Board Members Present:

Deborah Neal

Patti Smith Anita Johansen

Jenny Stanley

Butch Freedman

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