

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting of the Greater Prairie City Community Association

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, GPCCA Community Center, Prairie City

Board Members Present: KaCee Bloom, President; Cindy Brusch, Vice President; Marie Bryant, Secretary; Tracy Mund, Treasurer

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by KaCee Bloom

Others Present: Gail Kolb, Colin Kolb, Dan Duey, Wanda Winegar, Julie Reynolds

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published by acclamation.

The Treasurer reported an opening balance on hand on September 1, 2023 of \$1,369.54. After the payment of utilities for the month, the closing balance on September 30 was \$1,046.63. The savings balance on September 30 was \$13,723.96

Unfinished Business:

- Tracy reported that we are still waiting for the State Fire Marshal to schedule a final safety inspection of the building.
- KaCee shared the following updates from Sharon, who was not present.
 - * Sharon is having a door at her house replaced, and will donate her old door to replace the broken basement door on the community center.
 - * She will also have plywood left over from a project to donate for covering the opening for the stairs to the basement in the back of the stage.
 - * The Ford Family Foundation is awarding our \$20,000 grant, plus \$5,000 contingency. Although the report was not clear, the award appears to be for new doors and windows. A grant sent to the Kinsman foundation for \$5,000, for painting the bell tower and doing some electrical updates is pending our proof of building insurance. A grant sent to the Roundhouse Foundation requests money for an outside deck with black cast iron railings, and some electrical improvements as well.
 - * Cochrane and Company Insurance Agency in Spokane, Washington, has arranged insurance coverage for our community center for approximately \$2,300 per year. The insurer is Mesa Underwriters Specialty Insurance, through Bisnett & Associates.
- The outdoor decorative lights still need to be taken down. KaCee will reach out to Jerry about getting that done.
- The fate of the downtown planters and trees is still pending, as we wait to hear back from the city. They are doing some research on ownership and responsibilities and such.
 - * There was a short break in the meeting as everyone went outside to watch the Prairie City School Homecoming Parade go by. Police, fire engine, and ambulance sirens were blaring, and trucks hauled waving, cheering students from several grade levels as all of us waved back. It was great fun!

- Monday October 9 was selected as the day to clean and restock the building for an upcoming wedding scheduled for October 13. The people renting the building for the wedding will be setting up on the 12th, and offered to move the furniture from the stage. Tracy is acting as point person for the event.
- We have not heard anything further from Deborah about Halloween Carnival/Hayrides plans, and assume the idea has been tabled.
- KaCee has information from ABC Fundraising regarding the sale of tubs of cookie dough. She is still waiting to hear back from Mrs. Fields Fundraising about their cookie dough program. Board members agreed to choose one by email vote when we can compare the two programs.

New Business:

- KaCee and Tracy will be representing the GPCCA at the Christmas on the Prairie Committee planning sessions, which start next week with a meeting at the GPCCA community center, on Monday the 9th at 6:00 pm.
- Julie Reynolds would like to present a Christmas play in the GPCCA community center again this year, with students from Prairie City School
- It was noted that a rain downspout has come apart and needs to be repaired.
- It was determined that we need a list of donors. Tracy will create a list.
- There was a motion by KaCee to nominate Marie Bryant for the position of Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.
- There was discussion of forming a Bingo committee to plan regular Bingo nights after the holidays.
- There was discussion of hosting a potluck at the community center on New Year's Eve. Since New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the Oxbow will likely be closed...no prime rib dinners!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm