

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

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 GPCCA Community Center, Prairie City

Board Members Present: KaCee Bloom, President; Marie Bryant, Secretary; Sharon Fritsch
Others Present: Matt Goodwin

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

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

The Treasurer report was given by Marie Bryant.

October 1 opening checking balance was \$1,046.63. Deposits during October totaled \$936.00. Expenses were mainly utilities, and two insurance bills. The ending October balance was \$409.74.

The savings account started the month of October with \$13,723.96. There were withdrawals totaling approximately \$398.00. Tracy is elk hunting, so we will find out more about that when she returns.

\$25,000 in grant money from the Ford Foundation was deposited, along with \$5,000 from an independent donor associated with the Oregon Community Foundation, bringing the total savings balance to \$43,325.20 at the closing of October.

Unfinished Business

- Marie will pick up the serviced fire extinguishers from Ontario on her way back from Boise next week. KaCee reported that we are still waiting for the State Fire Marshal to schedule a final safety inspection of the building.
- Sharon volunteered Mark to board up the outer door to the basement until the replacement door becomes available. Sharon reported that the basement stairwell that opens to the stage has been covered with plywood.
- Jerry took down all of the outdoor holiday lights he could reach. KaCee reported that new lights have been found online. Options will be emailed to the board for a vote.

Grounds and Building Exterior

Marie read Jerry's report that he has moved two of the sump pump hoses indoors, and that the sump pump is set for the winter. He recommended that the broken basement window be covered for the winter.

Grant Updates

Sharon made a great spreadsheet showing the status of the various grants she has applied for, as well as the estimated value of volunteer hours and material donations, for various building maintenance and improvement projects. There are even grant applications for covering the

cost of entertainment events at the community center! The spreadsheet is included in the meeting minutes.

Events at the Community Center

- The Veteran's Day Dinner event is coming together nicely with students volunteers from Prairie City School and donations from local businesses.
- The Cheerleader sponsored Movie Night will be held on November 17, the evening before the annual Christmas on the Prairie event, with snacks and drinks.
- GPCCA will host activities in the community center for Christmas on the Prairie on November 18. In addition, two fundraising activities are planned for that day to raise funds for the community center. A Snowball Drop on Main Street by Depot Park will send "snowballs" (marked ping pong balls) rolling down the street, with the purchasers of the fastest balls winning prizes. Mrs. Field's Cookie Dough sales will open during Christmas on the Prairie and continue for 12 days. Orders will be placed by purchasers scanning a QR code with their cell phones.

New Business

- Keeping the heating oil tank filled continues to be a challenge. KaCee will call Triangle Oil and find out what happened to our arranged periodic filling of the tank.
- Georgia Patterson reached out to GPCCA regarding the Christmas Giving Program. She would like to retire from organizing the program, and wondered if the GPCCA would be interested in taking it on. KaCee moved that the board not accept the responsibility of organizing the event. Marie seconded. The board approved the motion unanimously. It was agreed that the GPCCA may be of assistance to the new organizer.
- Digette McCracken from the OSU Extension reached out to Tracy with an idea about the GPCCA hosting a summertime activities program. They would fund a full time paid position and activities/games through grant money. The board needs more information in order to make a decision, and will invite Digette to come speak at one of our meetings after the first of the year.
- The decision on whether to hold a December board meeting was discussed. It was decided to see whether or not Cindy is interested in organizing a potluck dinner on New Years Eve. If not, and as there are no other activities planned that require a December meeting, the next meeting will be held on January 3, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm