

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

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 GPCCA Community Center, Prairie City

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

Others Present: Dan Duey, Jerry Galland, Dennis Lynch, Colin Kolb, Gail Kolb, 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, as Tracy Mund was unable to attend. January checking account opening balance was \$15,481.18. The Roundhouse grant money was moved to the savings account. Expenses included utilities, insurance, servicing our fire extinguishers, and newspaper ads for Christmas on the Prairie. \$500 was transferred from the savings to the checking account for an ending balance in January of \$474.72.

The savings account started the month of January with \$78,336.47. The Roundhouse grant money was transferred from the checking account. Transfers to the checking account included \$20,000 for a deposit on the new windows, \$1,000 for heating oil, and \$500 to cover other expenses. Ending balance was \$71,842.84

Unfinished Business

- Basement door replacement still pending Sharon's remodel schedule.
- Tracy and Dan are still working on the AV user manual.
- Thermostat instructions are written and just need to be posted.
- Taco Feed planning meeting set for March 4 at 6:30 pm
- Private board meeting set for March 13 at 6:30pm. Long term (5 year?) goals, and board member roles will be discussed.
- 4th of July event volunteers and responsibilities discussion postponed until March.

Grant Updates

Discussion was postponed until March, as Sharon Fritsch was unable to attend the meeting. Tracking system for grant fund allocation: Tracy's update postponed to the March meeting.

Grounds and Building Exterior

There was discussion about what the window company will need us to do regarding shrubs for outside window access.

Events at the Community Center

We are delighted to see that the building is getting a lot of use! A list of known coming events is attached to the minutes. GPCCA is hosting a painting class in April, and we discussed ways to promote the class and keep track of the sign-ups. Other ideas for the GPCCA to host include a Family Movie Night, and Bingo.

New Business

- The problems with basement flooding during heavy rains and snow melts were compounded by our sump pump failing due to rusting out. The city loaned us their pump during the flooding event. Jerry will research with the city and Teels Plumbing for the best sump pump options going forward. Marie suggest trying to find grant money for an exterior foundation wrap.
- There was concern about damage to the furnace during the flooding, and the potential of electrocution while standing in the basement water. Jerry will prepare a procedure for the breaker box and the furnace for future flood events, to post in a prominent place.
- The Grant County Justice Court reached out to us about participating in their Justice Court Bench Probation Community Service Program for Non-profits. KaCee suggested using this service for a major basement clean-up after the flooding.
- Sharon requested an “electrical wish list”. Many ideas were put forward including adding an additional breaker box to handle the increased electrical demands from the kitchen addition and the front porch addition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm