

FRIENDS OF NCRD BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2020

Present: Patty Rinehart (Vice President), Gail Young (Secretary), Carol Mills and Linda Makohon (Directors), David Wiegand (Executive Director, NCRD), Barb McCann (Aquatics Director), Dianne Bloom (Friend of NCRD)

Absent: Constance Shimek (President), Corrie Persing (Treasurer), Ed Gallagher (Director)

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Patty Rinehart at 12:58 pm with a reading of the Mission Statement: Our mission is to raise and distribute funds which support (NCRD) North County Recreation District's program and projects.

The Agenda was amended to include a discussion of Seat Plaques, at Linda's request.

Secretary's Report: On a motion by Linda, a second by Carol and unanimous vote, the **minutes of the December 3rd meeting were unanimously approved.** Gail asked about **posting the approved monthly meeting minutes** on the bulletin board, FaceBook and Friends' website. **David gave permission for posting on the board outside the Riverview Room; Carol will do the FaceBook posting; Gail will ask Kaleen and Gerald Wineinger about posting minutes, meeting information and mission statement on our website. Patty will send meeting information to BBQ.** Gail reported that she wrote an article from Friends of NCRD and gave it to David for the next newsletter.

NCRD Executive Directors's Report (attached): David reported on capital improvement projects, Performing Arts Center lobby and ADA restrooms, new wayfinding signage, pickleball courts, heating improvements, public relations/outreach, "Gold Customer Service Training" held last week, historic building valuations, the Budget Committee, grants and sponsorships. Gail triple congratulated David for acknowledging the ongoing need for customer service training, for quickly and appropriately planning a training session, and for offering the training to the City of Manzanita and other local organizations at no charge.

Aquatics Director Barb McCann presented the 4th Quarter Scholarship Report. The total request is for **\$1,685** (\$808 from the Youth Program, \$381 from the Fitness Program and \$496 from the Aquatics Program). Barb noted that the drop in amount requested by the Youth Program reflects fewer children in need. **On a motion by Gail, a second by Linda and unanimous vote the distribution of \$1,685 was approved.**

Treasurer's Report (attached): In the absence of Corrie (Treasurer) and Constance (Acting Treasurer) **Gail gave the Treasurer's Report.** As of **10/31/19** the balance in the **General Fund** account was **\$8,237.12** and the balance in the **Pool Account** was **\$1,109.19**. As of **11/30/19** the balance in the **General Fund** was **\$6,521.65** and the balance in the **Pool Account** was **\$7,294.59**.

Patty asked for clarification of the \$300 distribution to NCRD for lighting in the Performing Arts Center. Because the grant requested from Siletz for the LED lighting was not approved, NCRD would like to use the \$300 distribution from Friends for the lobby and ADA restroom project. **On a motion by Gail, a second by Carol and unanimous vote, the \$300 distribution for lighting will be reassigned to the lobby and restroom project. Constance will write the check to NCRD for \$300.**

Membership Committee Report: Gail reported that the renewal reminder email sent to members on 12/27/19 has resulted in only 13 membership renewals for 2020. She will resend the reminder for those who missed it in the holiday hubbub. A discussion resulted in several excellent suggestions for inspiring new memberships. Gail will ask David about giving complementary memberships to NCRD staff. Gail will also contact bulb sale patrons, who provided their emails, to express appreciation for

their support and to offer a complementary membership. Gail reminded the Board that on the Friends website the “Donate” button still incorrectly restricts donations to the Pool Account. **On a motion by Gail, a second by Carol and unanimous vote, the words “pool account” will be removed from the donation designation.**

Flower Sales Committee Report: Patty reported that we still have about 30 pots of tulip and daffodil bulbs in her yard. **In March or April** it will be time to dig up and divide dahlia bulbs. **Dianne offered to help** the Committee if she's available. Patty ordered **a variety of sunflower seeds** to be planted in black containers sometime in **March, April or May** and **sold in the Spring**. **Linda** recommended that we **not sell paper whites next year**, and instead **focus on several varieties of amaryllis** which this year sold well and received rave reviews. Patty asked that everyone be on the lookout for the black plastic containers used for plantings.

Events Committee: The recommendation of those present is that we skip the KonMari event this Spring. The consensus is that it's too much of an undertaking for the amount of money it generates and that we already have enough money to fulfill our mission. A discussion of a possible raffle, similar to last year's “Astoria Get-Away” ended with Patty and Carol saying they'd investigate possible destinations in Oceanside and DePoe Bay respectively. A discussion of the possibility of Friends making announcements at upcoming PAC performances was tabled.

Grants Committee: No report

Other: Carol reported on a Garibaldi Night Market opportunity. The Market is held on Fridays May 22, June 12, July 3, August 14 and September 4; tables are provided. Friends could ask for any or all Fridays. A discussion of our commitment to Manzanita Friday Market and the work/volunteers it would take to participate in Garibaldi Market ended with **a consensus not to pursue the Garibaldi option.** **Manzanita Friday Market: The Board requests that Constance apply for Friends every Friday at Manzanita Friday Market, with a table separate from NCRD, and ask that we have a space closer to the entrance.**

Linda reported on the Seat Plaque Campaign. Linda was informed by the engraver that there is only one remaining blank seat plaque. We currently have two orders for which there are not plaques. **Linda will research a source of blank plaques that fit the arm rests and purchase enough to complete the Seat Plaque Campaign.**

Adjournment: On a motion by Gail, a second by Carol and unanimous vote, the meeting was **adjourned at 3:00 pm.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18th at 1:00 pm – NCRD Kitchen

Submitted by
Gail Young,
Secretary