

FRIENDS OF NCRD BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2020

Present: Constance Shimek (President), Patty Rinehart (Vice President), Gail Young (Secretary), Carol Mills (Director), David Wiegan (Executive Director, NCRD), Sharon O'Hare (Friend of NCRD)

Absent: Corrie Persing (Treasurer), Ed Gallagher and Linda Makohon (Directors)

The meeting was called to order by President Constance Shimek at 1:00 pm with a reading of the Mission Statement: Our mission is to raise and distribute funds which support (NCRD) North County Recreation District's programs and projects.

Gail introduced Sharon O'Hare, a Friend of NCRD, who last month wrote a grant application to the U.S. Bank Foundation for the PAC Lobby/ADA restrooms project. Sharon reported on the details of the grant and reported that the Foundation rejected the request, stating that Friends is not eligible for the foundation funding at this time. Thank you, Sharon, for your effort. When asked, Sharon responded that she's interested in serving on Friends of NCRD Board. Lucky us!

The Agenda: On a motion by Patty and a second by Gail, the Agenda was unanimously accepted.

David Wiegan gave the Executive Director's Report (attached): Currently, the pool fund is nearly two million dollars (\$1,945,167 to be exact). NCRD has submitted two applications for Tillamook County TLT funds, each for the maximum of \$75,000, one for **The New Pool Campaign** and one for the **PAC Lobby Project**. David reported on progress with new **Wayfinding Signage** and the **Pickleball Courts**. NCRD held **"Gold Customer Service Training"** for fifteen staff who handle the bulk of relations with patrons. A media consultant is running a series of ads on Portland area television for the **3rd Annual Nehalem Winterfest, March 6-8**. **The 30th Annual Pool-A-Thon is Saturday, February 22**. Last year's **Pool-A-Thon** brought in over \$20,000! Two Friends of NCRD, Linda Makohon and Barb Scott-Brier, are serving on the **Budget Committee**. Sharon asked a question about NCRD's connection with the **Manzanita Visitors' Center**; David answered yes to our strong connection. Constance asked David about a line on the NCRD home page which would say: "to donate online, go to <https://friendsofncrd.org>". David will do his best to make that happen.

Secretary's Report: On a motion by Gail and a second by Patty, the January Meeting minutes were unanimously approved. Gail reported that Constance and she **met with Webmaster, Gerald Wineinger**, who added to Friends website our Mission Statement, By-Laws, meeting date and time, the name of Director Linda Makohon, and the updated Membership Form. Gerald also agreed to post approved minutes for the previous two months, send to him monthly by Gail.

Treasurer's Report (attached): As Acting Treasurer, Constance gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the **General Fund**, as of 1/31/20, was **\$7,154.29**. The balance in the **Pool Account**, as of 1/31/20, was **\$7,854.68**. **On a motion by Constance, a second by Patty and unanimous approval, a \$7,000 disbursement will be made to The New Pool Campaign Fund**. Gail reported that Friend of NCRD, Eileen Bucklin, has become **our first Sustaining Member** with an automatically transferred monthly donation. **That option will be added to our Membership Form**. There was a discussion about a replacement for Corrie Persing who is stepping down as Treasurer. Carol will consider the possibility of taking that position, if asked at the March meeting.

NCRD – a welcoming place for members of our community: Gail opened a discussion based on comments to Friends from two community members who feel NCRD does not present as a welcoming place for members of our community. While the Friends of NCRD Board strongly feels that community members should feel welcomed at NCRD, especially considering they are our tax levy, donation and support base, we understand the necessity for safety in the building. We congratulate NCRD for its "Gold Customer Service Training" and will

check with staff and community members about the positive changes in the welcoming atmosphere in the building. Patty suggested that we make available to members a list of warming centers in the community.

Membership Committee Report: Gail reported only 24 membership renewals for 2020, from a membership of nearly 100. Since the January meeting, she emailed another renewal reminder, arranged with David to offer complementary memberships to staff, and emailed a membership invitation those who purchased flowers and bulbs during the last season. Gail will ask Debbie Crosman about a membership announcement in classes at the start of the new semester. Gail will also ask Debbie about making a membership announcement at the Friday, March 20, NCRD event.

There was a discussion about inviting 2019 and 2020 members and prospective members to a **Tea and Cookies Gathering on Tuesday, April 21**, as part of the Friends of NCRD monthly meeting. Patty offered to make posters advertising the event.

Flower Committee Report: Patty announced a **“Digging and Dividing Tubers Party”** on the first nice day in March. She suggested that volunteers wear boots, gloves and a warm jacket for the outdoor event in her garden. She'll let us know the exact date.

Events Committee Report: Carol reported on the Nehalem Elementary School PTA event on April 25th. A discussion of a Spring raffle led to the decision for **“Getaway to Depoe Bay” package, including dinner at the Tidal Waves Restaurant and two nights at the Channel House. Carol will research those possibilities.** Constance reported that she applied for **a booth at Manzanita Farmers Market, for the Fridays from July 3 to the end of the season and at all MFM events through the end of the year.** In the application for MFM she requested a booth closer to the entrance of the Market.

New Business: In response to Debbie Crosman's question about putting, or not putting, a cap on fitness scholarships, it was noted that those decisions do not fall under Friends of NCRD's purview.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 17, @ 1 pm
The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Submitted by
Gail Young,
Secretary

TO DO LIST:

NCRD home page follow-up: Constance
Approved minutes to Gerald Wineinger: Gail
A “Sustaining Member” option on our Membership Form: Gail
List of Warming Centers in our community: Patty
Membership announcements at the March 20th NCRD potluck and in classes: Gail
Posters for the April 21st Tea and Cookies Gathering: Patty
Dahlia tuber digging and dividing work day: Patty
“Getaway to Depoe Bay” raffle package details: Carol