**NCAC Board Minutes**

August 3, 2017

Attending: Larry Greene, Allison Long, David Simpson, Tacie Jones, Joyce Kessinger, Lynn Garrison, Matt Little, Linda Correll, Emily Williams, Perry Martin, Russell Chisholm

**Call to order: 7 p.m.**

**Financials**

David presented the financial report. Inflows are way up over last year. The electric bill went down overall but the library’s electric usage went up, most likely due to the air conditioner use.

**Board Business**

Red Shed: more work will be done on the fence for the fair.

Newport Agricultural Fair: the fair is August 11 &12. The Mayapple School and Loco Arts are moving things from their room. Part of the fence and a light pole will be replaced before the event.

Larry reported that the Fair Board had discussed a possible horseshoe pitching area for next year, but needed a location. Larry suggested the backstop area. Perry suggested moving the backstop to a different location. The committee decided to scope out potential areas and revisit.

The Rescue Squad will be doing bingo on Friday, with the NCAC doing bingo on Saturday along with Blue Ridge Center Stage. NCAC will need to set up on Thursday night at 6 p.m. – Allison, Larry, Tacie, and David can help.

Allison, Tacie, Larry, and Joyce will coordinate to cover bingo from 7 – 11 p.m. Tacie will follow up with Rescue about Friday night.

The Library will have extended hours for the Fair on Saturday, but no hours on Friday. They will hold a story time at 11:15 a.m. after the kid’s games. Stella, the therapy dog will be here for that.

The DEQ community discussion will take place on Thursday, August 10 from 1-2:30 p.m. with director David Paylor. This is a supplemental meeting to bring the DEQ folks into the community – not a hearing but a Q and A type of format. Delegates Habeeb and Yost will also be in attendance. Del. Yost’s office will record verbal comments, but people should bring written comments with them. The hearing on Tuesday, August 8 will take place in Preston Hall in the Bondurant Auditorium at Radford University at 6 p.m. Russell stressed the importance of carpooling to both places as parking may be limited. Both events will have press coverage. Russell suggested that the NCAC might like to set out flyers for the DEQ hearing. Tacie will also let Rescue know about the event so that they have staff available.

**Committee Updates**

Facilities: Renee said there was a leak in the cafeteria – Larry is aware, but hasn’t been able to fix it yet. It was also noted that an eye should be kept on the girls’ bathroom sink, as a pipe will sometimes come loose.

Marketing: Allison reported that a Google calendar had been embedded into the new site and that she is working on moving events from the old calendar to the new. Blue Ridge Center State sent info to be included and Allison will update that as soon as possible. She will also schedule posts to promote the DEQ meetings taking place this week.

**Programs**

Free Lunch Fridays will have delivery only on August 11. The program is doing well overall. Larry reported that the week the library was there with word games was a great success. The library reported that they would continue to participate. It was suggested that flyers be made to advertise the program.

JAM: The Community Fund Grant is not available until November, so the program may have to wait until second semester to start.

Perry reported that Dan Dunlop with Rocket Music mentioned there is an old time music listserv that we may use to put out information. Dan also expressed interest in helping out with the program. Perry also asked Dan for a piano teacher recommendation. At the Ruritan Club meeting, Terry Reed said he’d be willing to talk about it on the radio. Tacie noted that the main thing is getting the committee together so that they may start out as the program coordinator until another person can take on that role. Invitations to join the committee will be extended to: Kevin Riley, Cora Gnegy, Gary Williams, Alvin Jones, and Robin Atkins. JAM is working on our logo and we can use their templates for other forms. The program intends to start with lessons in guitar, banjo, and fiddle. Larry will take charge of getting the meeting together.

Sports: The last t-ball and coach pitch games of the season will take place this Saturday. Perry reported that he hopes to have a fall softball program – they are taking August as a hiatus. Perry will encourage parents who want to be involved with NCAC to send a note.

Newport Sports made approximately $1,300 from the spaghetti supper. These funds will go towards building a storage/announcement shed at the ballpark, general upkeep, as well as clinics and t-shirts for the children.

Library: The library has held two story times in conjunction with t-ball and their involvement with a Free Lunch Fridays table is going well.

Rentals

Upcoming rentals include a wrestling event, the Meredith Reunion, and Stonecarvers’ Workshop. Blue Ridge Center Stage will hold MWF rehearsals for Dracula.

Other Business

Adjourned 8:05 p.m.