NCAC Board Minutes

July 6, 2017

Attending: Larry Greene, Allison Long, David Simpson, Tacie Jones, Perry Martin, Taylor McCroskey, Kaity Collis, Tammy Surface, Lynn Garrison

Call to order: 7 p.m.

Financials

David presented the financial report. The Free Lunch program is bringing in donations. So far no expenses incurred with the program and has been run on donations so far.

Board Business

*Red Shed:* Fence is up to cover all around the building. Underpinning will be put in place on the next work day and the fence will then run from corner to corner and around the tree, as agreed. Some slats on the fence are broken and will be addressed.

*Newport Agricultural Fair:* need to approach Rescue Squad about helping with bingo. The Sportsman Club is not serving food this year beside the Treasurer’s Booth. Tacie asked Blue Ridge Center Stage if they would like to help with Bingo – they’re sure they’d have people to help. The Rescue Squad is also interested in helping with Bingo. Tacie will put together a schedule for volunteers.

Perry is looking to have some sort of fundraising at the Fair for Newport Sports.

Items need to be moved from all the rooms and materials need to be moved from the lean-tos – it is unclear who owns the material.

Before the Fair, the front fence from the corner to the gate will be replaced. The light pole that was knocked over last year will also be replaced. In addition, one pipe that holds up the walkway is rusted and will be fixed.

Committee Updates

Leak in the theatre has not occurred again, suggested the original leak was due to heavy storms.

Programs

*JAM:* Larry reported that JAM has stalled but will not let it stay stalled. He has gotten information about possible grants. Larry also brought up the need for a name and noted that most programs use the county as part of their name. However, he wasn’t sure if that would deter those who might come from Craig County. It was agreed the Newport JAM would fit the program best. The color blue will be used in marketing to match the new sign. Tacie reported that the Community Foundation’s grant process is due July 28. Perry and Tacie said they would help with the grant process. The committee would like to meet by the end of July – Perry will work to help contact Mr. Riley about being on the committee. WNRV will be guest speaker at the Ruritan meeting this month, which is a good time to talk about the program to see if they can help promote. Larry will send out an email to set up a meeting.

*Shakespeare Camp:* will take place the week of July 10 from 8:30 – 5, this camp is through LocoArts.

*Appalachian Trail Community:* no updates on this. Larry thinks the application is online.

*Newport Sports*: A Spaghetti Supper will be held on July 22 from 5-7 p.m. to fundraise. Perry reported that they have had the highest turn out for t-ball and coach pitch they’ve seen. Some kids are even coming from West Virginia.

*Library:* The library committee met last night and brainstormed what they could do to tie into Free Lunch Fridays. Emily reported to Tacie that the literacy program for early education would begin next week.

*Free Lunch Fridays:* delivered 19 meals and served 34 people on last Friday and is going well.

*Blue Ridge Center Stage*: do not need stage October 1, but asked about Saturday workshop dates on September 16 & 23 to ensure they did not conflict with events going on in other parts of the building. The Board assured them that they would not conflict.

Kaity also asked about donations to the library as she knows a woman who’s online bookstore is going out of business- does the library want those donations? Tacie directed Kaity to contact Ava Howard.

Kaity was also contacted by Mathew Tuck who is a hip-hop Christian musician. The Board noted this information if needed for later.

Larry asked BRCS if they required more storage space and noted that the items currently stored in the dance studio would need to be moved the week of the Newport Fair.

Rentals

Wrestling will take place on Saturday, July 8.

Other Business

Larry brought up the popularity of the LOVE sculpture and asked how the community center could capitalize on that. The Rescue Squad suggested making the Newport Community Center a Snapchat location and will ask their younger members how that might happen. The LOVE sculpture needs to be touched up – Tacie will work on that this weekend.

The Rescue Squad is having a vendor/craft show on July 15. On July 29, they will sell pound cakes and hold a BBQ dinner. Pound cake orders will be taken in advance.

The Board noted the need to set a date to install inside storm windows in September.

Adjourned: 8:16 p.m.