NCAC Board Minutes

June 1, 2017

Attending: Larry Greene, Allison Long, David Simpson, Linda Correll, Perry Martin, Tammy Smith, Lynn Garrison

Call to order: 7 p.m.

Financials

David presented the financial report. The electric bill continues to decrease. The board approved the financial report.

Board Business

*Elections*

All current officers were nominated to stay in their current roles, which include David Simpson as Vice President of Finance, Larry Green as Treasurer and Tacie Jones as President. Tacie had agreed to serve as President of the Board another year if someone else took the role of Secretary. Allison Long was nominated to serve in this role. All nominees were elected.

*Renee*

It was proposed that Renee, who is contracted to provide housekeeping services to the building, receive a raise to her monthly free, from $400 to $450. Because she often cleans outside of her regular hours, the board agreed that this was fair and approved the increase.

*Red Shed*

The Mayapple School sent a letter with concerns about the new building the Fair Board has placed beside the Treasurer’s Booth. The building creates blind spots and opportunities for children to crawl under, which poses safety concerns. Another concern was that the building blocked shade from the maple tree. Larry proposed asking the Fair Board to add underpinning to the building and putting up a temporary fence between the Treasurer’s Booth and red building, along with a more permanent blockade behind the building. In regards to shade concerns, the board felt that this time, shade along the rock wall was sufficient. Larry will propose this solution to both parties and move forward from there.

Committee Updates

*Facilities*

* Larry reported that the marquee will be taken down in the first of the week to be updated. The sign will have a blue background with white letters and a red border.
* A leak was discovered in the theatre during the recent heavy rains. Larry will look at the roof to determine if there is a short-term fix. Perry noted the need for the roof to be included in long-term improvements.

*Programs*

-Newport Community Kitchen

Larry reported that the name of the Friday lunch had reverted back to Free Lunch Fridays to avoid any complication with the Health Department. Perry suggested that the board contact WDBJ7 to garner positive press and get the word out. Larry reported that the menus for June had been set and he would send them to Allison to help get the word out. Lynn Garrison also reported that the deliveries were going well and that when they arrived, people were waiting on them. Overall, the program seems to be growing.

- JAM

Larry reported that a small committee met with two JAM representatives from Abingdon and Grayson County to discuss a program at the Community Center. Tacie has created a proposal for the program and is confident the program could run under the LocoArts non-profit designation. An advisory board will need to be formed and fundraising efforts are needed to help fund the program. Larry also suggested we ask local businesses to help fund the program, such as the Ruritans or Celanese. It was also recommended to coordinate a school assembly with kids from other area programs to help garner interest. Larry will contact Mr. Riley, the Eastern Elementary music teacher to help coordinate.

Perry suggested creating a basic flyer to hand out at the Henry Reed Fiddler’s Convention. Allison will create that design. Perry also advised that NCAC request to attend the July Ruritan Club meeting as WNRV should be in attendance and may be interested in supporting the program.

*Fundraising/Marketing*

-Open House

The Open House brought in approximately $1,657 before expenses. The Board agreed the event was successful and even brought in return guests from out of town. Linda Correll suggested that a guestbook be added inside the front door so that NCAC could keep track of how many people visited.

Larry also noted that the therapy dog storytime seemed to go well, and that Emily Williams was working to coordinate other dates, most likely on Saturdays.

-Appalachian Trail Community

Larry is looking into how to designate Newport, and the Newport Community Center an Appalachian Trail Community. Allison suggested contacting Cora Gnegy for information.

-Sports

Perry reported that the softball and baseball programs were looking for ways to fundraise. Perry also asked Allison if the Community Center Facebook page would post about Newport Sports. Allison agreed and noted that the Facebook page was meant to promote the community and its events, but that she did need advance notice in order to get things up. A spaghetti dinner was suggested as a fundraiser and a yearly event, regardless of financial need.

Rentals

* the Henry Reed Fiddler’s Convention will take place June 9-10
* the Mountains of Misery brought in $300 in rental income and Larry reported that clean up was excellent.
* Professional wrestling matches will be held at the Community Center in July and October.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.