NCAC Board Minutes

February 4, 2019

Attending: Allison Long, Larry Greene, Perry Martin, Carol Grippo

**Call to order:** 7:03 p.m.

**Financial Report**

The financial report was presented and discussed. The propane bill was not reflected on this financial report. A $100.00 gift was received.

**Board Business**

A grant was received from the Master Gardeners for mulch and plants. Allison will get in touch with Tacie regarding Head Start. If they will not be able to use the old Mayapple room we need to find a renter. Everyone has been asked to think of ways to keep activities going.

**Facilities**

Allison reported that the Master Gardeners have given us a grant for mulch and plants. Larry reported that there is now a basketball goal in the cafeteria. Larry also stated that there had been one open basketball practice. Perry mentioned that he has heard good things about the boys playing basketball. A regularly scheduled open gym night for both children and adults would be great. Perry suggested an open gym night for ages six to ten, and a family night at the gym might be a great way to kick off the program.

All lights in the cafeteria are now working.

Jobs for the Holy Cross students were discussed. The following were mentioned:

1. Painting outdoor sheds and stage
2. Building a Little Library for placement in front of the rec center
3. Weeding and pruning the flower beds, perhaps also mulching
4. Perhaps preparing the grounds for the May baseball game

We have the scaffolding for the windows, the paint and the glaze to repair the front windows.

**Library**

The library has received over 200 new titles.

**Programs**

Larry reported that three more deliveries will be added to the Free Lunch Friday program bringing the total to about 21-25 deliveries per week. Between 10 and 20 people are regularly attending where there used to be between 20 – 40. Free Lunch Fridays is still self-supporting. Carol said she would ask her husband, who works at the Blacksburg Food Lion, if the Free Lunch Friday program would qualify to receive food.

There are two openings in the Senior Food Box program. One person was disqualified due to a rise in income, the other person stated they really didn’t need the food. Larry will be going down the list to find replacements for the open spots. About six applications have been added to the waiting list.

Larry is waiting to hear from Cindy Cook regarding JAM.

**Events**

There will be an Open House on Saturday, May 11. We will be hosting Newport’s first ever night game and preparing a baseball field for that purpose. Between now and the next meeting, please think about titles for this event so we can begin advertising the event in March. Because of the night game the event will begin at a later time than in the past. We will be offering a baseball themed meal in the cafeteria before the game and concessions will also be served outside. A free throw contest and a story time on stage will be planned to occur during meal time. Perry will schedule the kick-off for T-ball at the Open House. A grass path will need to be cleared and marked; Larry said he has located a roller for the field. Perry wondered if perhaps the Holy Cross students could work on field preparations. Carol will contact the Salem Red Sox and the Pulaski Yankees to see if they will send representatives to the event.

**Other Business**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.