

Westport Village Society  
Annual Board Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2014

**Call to Order:** President Thad Van Bueren called us to order @ 7pm.

**Directors present:** President Thad Van Bueren, Vice President Steve Brigham, Dorine Real, Gary Quinton, Vice Secretary Nita Regalia, & Lois Senger.

**Directors absent:** Treasurer Bill Knapp.

**Guests:** Secretary Lee Tepper, Ann Woodhead, David Rice, Sarah Mathias, Lesli Langslet, K. Rudin, Robert Finnell, & Baile Oakes.

**Board introduction:** Thad opened with a brief history of the Westport Village Society and a review of the year past. He announced we would later in the meeting elect three Directors (whose terms expire at this meeting). He then invited all the assembled Directors to say a few.

**Approval of minutes of last year's annual: Lois moved we approve the minutes of last years (October 4, 2013) annual meeting. K. seconded. All ayes.**

**Community Center Open Forum:** Sarah has been working on repurposing the de-commissioned school building as a Community Center. She has held three meetings which have illicited the following manifesto: keep Mendocino County Recreation and Parks District as the overseeing organization while exercising our autonomy for other uses. (For a description of the players and their relationships in this civic web see the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes of the Westport Village Society's special meeting.) Sarah's flatscreen is currently there opening the door to community movie nights as well as training classes for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department. We then rhapsodized on future uses of, not just the school building, but the ultimate Westport Community Center to wit: disaster relief center (the firehouse appears to be the better bet here), community kitchen, museum, archives, day care, bingo, store (for local crafts), & health club. **Note:** One downside to the school building is the perceived anti-alcohol sanction.

**Summary of the Westport Village Society Activities for the past year.**

**Community Center Committee:** see above.

**Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) projects:** From the demolition of burned out buildings to painting them that could use it, to remedial landscaping, N2N has been making nice all over Westport. Meeting times are the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Hotel.

**Outreach ( *WAVE*, web site):** Steve, Editor of the *WAVE*, accepted accolades for a job well done. He thanked Thad for his editorial and layout assistance. The last issue had ten bylines Steve announced proudly.

**Headlands (sculpture):** The final decisions regarding the Toby Hickman memorial sculpture will be made at the Westport Village Society's October 22<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting. Baile's sculpture, *Gaia's Embrace*, is also in the works for a Headlands temporary installation.

**Community Garden:** Steve invited all to raid the garden of its vestigial produce.

**Financial Report – FY 7/1/13-6/30/14:** Bill, our treasurer, is out of town. Thad passes out the annual report. Bob asked how funds are appropriated. It was surmised large expenditures would need an open meeting with a Board vote. Dorine asked what the Bylaws say.

**Board Election:** Thad's, Steve's, & Dorine's terms are up. Contenders were invited to say a few words. There were none. Ballots were passed out. Thad, Steve, & Dorine were each elected 14 zip. Positions will be determined at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**We adjourned at 8:50pm.**