

Westport Village Society

2018 Annual Members' Meeting Minutes

Friday October 5th, 2018 at the Westport Community Church

Call to Order: After a social half-hour that began at 6:30PM and featured refreshments and a running slide show of Westport history photos, **WVS President Thad Van Bueren called the 2018 WVS Annual Members' Meeting to order at 7:00PM and led the meeting.**

WVS Directors present were President Thad Van Bueren, Vice President Steve Brigham, Treasurer Bill Knapp, Secretary Sarah Cullar (term expiring), Melinda McLaughlin, and Leslie Langslet. **WVS Director absent** due to a family emergency was Gary Quinton (term expiring). **Past WVS Board Members and Officers present** were Marie Fostiak, Lee Tepper, and Dorine Real. **WVS members and guests present** were Rock Bush, Tom Kisliuk, Rick Marsh, Baile Oakes, and Ann Woodhead. Steve Brigham was appointed to take the meeting minutes.

After the introduction of present and former WVS Board Members, the first order of business was the presentation by Bill Knapp of a large Ducky Race photo in an elaborate ornamental frame (hand-made by Derek DiOrio) to **Lee Tepper and Dorine Real** in thanks to their many years of service to the Westport Village Society and Westport in general. This one-of-kind local artwork is so appropriate for these two stalwarts who have been so instrumental in the founding and development of the WVS and Westport in general, and it was much appreciated.

Treasurer Bill Knapp then gave the annual WVS Financial Report for fiscal year 2017-2018, which listed total WVS funds as of 6/30/18 as \$137,038.42, comprised of three categories: Headlands Fund \$101,059.38, General Fund \$31,169.99, and Community Center Fund, \$4,809.05. Bill reported that donations have been lower in the past year than hoped for, but our total funds are quite stable and our budget is nearly balanced.

President Thad Van Bueren then gave an informative **summary of WVS activities** during the past year, complete with excellent descriptive slides. Topics covered included Administration, Fundraising, Outreach, Headlands, and Community Programs. It was noted that all WVS records are now completely digitized. Ongoing Headlands projects include the installation of the old Bridge

Rock Log as an ocean-viewing bench, installation of our educational Whale Jawbone display, and the installation of underground utilities in the Headlands Event Area (a joint project with the Westport Volunteer Fire Department).

The main item of business for the evening then commenced with the **Election of Board Members** to fill openings on the 7-member WVS Board. Two Board vacancies existed because Gary Quinton's and Sarah Cullar's 3-year terms were expiring (Sarah has recently moved out of the voting membership area, and so cannot be re-elected). Written statements by Board candidates Gary Quinton, Rock Bush, and Tabitha Korhummel were presented, and Rock Bush made an in-person statement as well. Steve Brigham then took the floor and said that he felt strongly that all three of these candidates deserved to be on the WVS Board, and while stressing that his role and participation in the WVS would not change one bit, he offered to step aside as a WVS Board Member to create one additional vacancy. A Board vote was called to accept Steve's offer of resignation from the Board, and approved unanimously by the board members present.

President Thad Van Bueren then called for any other board candidates to come forward; there being no others interested in serving, secret ballots were then distributed to all voting members present and tabulated by board member Leslie Langslet. **Each voting member could vote for three candidates to fill the three vacant board positions.** The results of the vote were 11 votes for Rock Bush, 10 votes for Tabitha Korhummel, and 8 votes for Gary Quinton. **Congratulations to Rock, Tabby, and Gary on their new 3-year terms as WVS Board members!**

The final item of business was an **open discussion of WVS goals and priorities.** The main topic of discussion centered on the new Westport Community Center and the roles that WVS members and Westportians in general might take in its management. The idea was put forth that continued cooperation between the six WVS Community Boards is an important factor in Community Center success.

A brief discussion of emergency preparedness took place and Dorine Real suggested gathering information from Caspar and other communities who are engaged in emergency planning so that options can be presented to Westportians when a meeting is held at some future date. Bill Knapp mentioned the WVFD is interested.

There being no further business, the 2018 WVS Annual Members' Meeting was then adjourned at 8:50PM.