

Westport Village Society
Board Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2015

Call to Order: Westport Village Society President called the assembled to order at 9:03a.

Directors Present: Gary Quinton, Steve Brigham, Dorine Real, Lois Senger, Nita Regalia, Thad Van Bueren, & Bill Knapp

Guests: Sarah Mathias, Heidi Friedland, Jeff Saunders, Mildred Saunders, Robin Cardullo, Rock Bush, Dori Regalia, Donna Traycik, Kay Rudin (9:40a), & Lee Tepper, secretary (9:07a)

Public Input: There was none.

Administrative Items: **The minutes of January 28, 2015 were approved.** Bill presented the current financial report. Following a consideration of the nuances of depreciation (of real property) and appreciation (of undeveloped property) and the purpose of capitol funds, **Gary moved and Dorine seconded the Board's acceptance of the Treasurer's report.** Intermingled and following this action was an expurgation of the current situation regarding the reprinting of the publication *WESTPORT*, and the roles to be played by the Kelly House (the original publisher), and the Westport Village Society regarding cost, price, and distribution. Thad asked we price said publication to profit the Westport Village Society.

Active business

Goal setting for 2015: Thad cited improved communication (within the Board and within the Community), the incorporation of younger members of the Community, and Headlands visioning, as worthy and traditional goals. Dorine suggested we have some feet on the ground, shovel ready goals to attract the newer younger members of the community. Heidi wants to find an alternative to the Ducky Race as the current Duckateers are tapped out. Lee said we should hold onto Mother's Day and the family nature of our event whatever it becomes. Ultimately Steve with help from Bob Finnell will do community outreach to develop specific implementation measures to reach our goals. They will report their findings at the next Board meeting. Thad summed things up by suggesting we think broadly now and refine these goals into agreeable activities that incorporate the community.

Community Yard Sale proposal: Sarah is putting together a community yard sale for Saturday the 23rd of May on the Headlands. **Bill moved the Westport Village Society sponsor this event. Steve seconded. All ayes.**

Welcome brochures: Sarah is compiling an information packet for Westport Newbies, particularly parents. She may be contacted at sarah.e.mathias@gmail.com. Good Job Sarah.

Westport Village Society ad in visitor guide? Following some discussion it was determined we would benefit little from such an investment (\$160/¼page).

Natural play area proposal: The productive Sarah is also taking the lead in creating a natural playscape for the Headlands. Diagramatic photos of the project were passed around. Basically a low area at the South end of the Foot Bridge is to be improved by a natural play area for children and seating for adults. All infrastructure to be safe and biodegradable. **Gary moved we approve said project. Bill seconded. Gary, Bill, Steve, & Thad voted aye. Dorine, Nita, & Lois voted nay. The motion passes.**

Bench update: Bill reported the foundation for the Toby Hickman memorial bench/sculpture is in place. Installation is imminent.

Ducky fundraiser planning: Lois has a list and is checking it twice. We for the most part do what we've done in the past. We will be minus a few key players but things look good on paper and signs are up. However, as reported in **Goal setting 2015**, the Ducksters are overextended seniors and Lois suggested we consider an alternate fundraiser perhaps in conjunction with the Westport Volunteer Fire Department. We could extend the benefit domain to, for instance, to the Community Center, and possibly attract some young blood.

Seagate Proposal and Community Center update: The owners of Seagate, a large residential/vacation rental property, are putting it on the market but first they want to offer it to the Westport Village Society for a Community Center/office/museum/.... Following a discussion of price and possibilities **Bill moved we reactivate the Community Center Committee for a study. Gary seconds. All ayes.**

Headlands visioning process: Out on the Headlands, after the meeting, led by Botanical Master Steve.

Mini-Grant update: The mini-grants have been a big success, in part thanks to the Mendocino County Sherriff's Office Work Release Program and the Court Ordered Mendo-Lake Alternative Services Community Services Program managed by Board member Gary Quinton. **Steve moved the Westport Village Society authorize Gary's use of the afore named organizations for community benefit projects. Bill seconded. All ayes.**

We adjourned at 11:14am. Till we meet again 7/18/15, 9am, @ the Church.