

Westport Village Society
Board Meeting Minutes <> July 18, 2015

Call to Order: Westport Village Society President, Thad Van Bueren calls us to order at 9:15am.

Directors Present: Thad Van Bueren, Gary Quinton, Bill Knapp, Dorine Real, Lois Senger. Director Nita Regalia absent.

Guests: Bobbie Knapp, John Allison, Sarah Mathias, Lee Tepper (secretary)

Public Input: There was none.

Administrative Items:

Bill moved and Steve seconded we accept the minutes of April 18, 2015. All Ayes. Bill presents the financials. The Ducky Race moved the last quarter ahead of the preceding quarter. 2015 to 2014 Duck comparison: \$9572 to \$5685. **Gary moved and Steve seconded we accept the Annual Financial Report on August 1st if no substantive concerns are raised prior to then. All ayes.** If concerns do arise we will convene a special meeting to generate a revised report prior to the reporting due date. Thad hands out the Directors annual conflict of interest statement. The completed forms will be scanned and sent to the tax preparer's office. We decided to rejoin the Chamber of Commerce. And keep in closer touch with same.

Active Business:

- a. Community Center Update (Sarah):** Sarah reported on her team's exploration of Seagate as a Community Center for Westport. Bill has produced a floor plan. We determined to continue to move forward till we hit the Insurmountable Object. Meanwhile we need to consider: price, grants, taxes, utilities, maintenance...
- b. Headlands updates (Steve/Bill/Sarah):** Steve hands out a manifesto indicating there is great support for the current Headlands Management Plan. Let It Be. Less is more. Mowing where mowing is appropriate. Natural where natural is natural. Gary, "Good Job Steve." Thad has filled out the Coastal Conservancy Grant questionnaire. We discuss the berries clogging the output ends of the highway culvert and the swale itself. A plan is hatched. Sarah spoke to the SW bridge corner play area to be. Some clearing has been done and big safe attractive stumps are being solicited. Gary volunteers some Lands of Quinton Forestry Products. Bill announces the erection of the Toby Hickman memorial bench. It is ensconced in an attractive mixed *Rubus* amphitheater and reflects, in your secretary's opinion, the spirit of the stalwart blacksmith.

- c. **Goal setting update (Steve):** Steve passes out a 2 pager with our Mission Statement at the top. He will present an abridged version at the Annual Meeting on October 2nd.
- d. **Welcome brochure update (Sarah):** *Still a work in progress,* reports Sarah.
- e. **Mini-grants budget for FY2015-2016 (Bobbie):** Following a discussion of FY14-15 Minis **Steve moves we allocate \$1500 for FY15-16 Mini-grants. Gary seconded,** stipulating we can increase the amount if worthy projects present themselves. **All ayes.** Bobbie will write an article for the wave.
- f. **Benefits from local Timber Operations:** Tom Kisliuk has emailed to the Westport MAC a list of benefits accruing to communities through for-profit timber companies. These include: firewood cutting, lawful and responsible hunting, sponsoring non-profits (like the Westport Village Society), College Scholarships, and recreation (hiking & fishing).
- g. **Historic Photos for Church (Steve):** Steve would like to post historic photos of Westport on the unadorned walls of the Westport Community Church. **Lois moves we allot \$250 for this project. Gary seconds.** All eyes turn to treasurer Bill who extolls the swelling coffers of the Westport Village Society. Dorine asks for a budget. **All ayes.** Dorine to take the lead, presumably with Steve.
- h. **Revised Westport Village Society fundraising strategy:** This matter was postponed till the Annual Member meeting (October 2nd) and the next Board Meeting (October 17). Lois has some alternant suggestions for our Annual Mother's Day Fete.
- i. **Plan Annual Member Meeting – October 2nd, 2015 at the Westport Community Church :** The need to reach out to members, property owners, newbies is key. We are all about Welcome. A healthy attendance belies a healthy community. Two Board positions (Gary Quinton's and Nita Regalia's) are up for election. Gary is willing to serve another term. Sarah Mathias is also willing to serve. Perhaps the history pictures will be up by then. Perhaps Thad can prepare a history lecture. **We will gather at 6:30 and start the meeting at 7pm.**

Agenda for next Board Meeting (October 17th, 2015, 9am at the Westport Community Church): In addition to the usual Agenda items we will talk: Fundraising (Lois), Annual Budget (Dorine), Goalsetting (Steve), Tax filing (Bill), and Community Center (Sarah).

We adjourned @ 12:05pm.