

Community Center and Red Barn Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2009 at the Rutledge Room

Present: Paula McDonald, Lorel Gordon, Jake Ellefson, Jane Young, and Kerstin Ellefson joining at 7:15.

Absent: Patrick Shay and Dianna Young

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM
2. The meeting moved into executive session.
3. The meeting moved back into open session.
4. The agenda was approved, the minutes were approved with corrections.
5. The financial report was not available.
6. New members: Margaret Foss has expressed an interest in joining the CCC, while remaining on the RBC. She would be a liaison for both committees as well as a welcome member on the CCC. Celia Hansen gave her official resignation from the committee. There is still need of an additional committee member to fill the ninth opening. Paula was nominated to President, Jake remains Vice President, Lorel and Jane will share the role of Secretary, Dianna will continue as Financial Secretary, with Pat and Kerstin remaining at large. A suggestion was made that minutes be emailed to members prior to

the meeting for review to increase efficiency of meetings. It was also stressed that each members participation and roles are important. Suggestions for an additional board member were: Janet Berggren, Maggie Swanson, Courtney DeJardin, Aaron Rank, Kathy Meader, Ben or Noreen Lindsay, or Linda Henkel.

7. **Red Barn Committee** joins the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Present from the RBC: LeVaun Mann, Linda & Tom Taylor, Janet Wilson, Dan Hansen, Carolyn Foss, and Leila Nehlsen.

Absent: Margaret Foss, and Jim Goodwin

8. Dan submitted a report for the 2009 season at the Red Barn. We went through the twelve week season of events, which was two weeks longer than the typical season. The events were well attended with excellent programming and feedback. Dan brought Timmy Lyons on as an assistant. He helped in many ways weekly as well as having an open mic night on three of the Thursdays. It was considered that he be paid \$500 for his work this summer. Dan would then receive payment for the ten weeks, plus the returning director bonus for another excellent season. A new annual event this year was the song writing workshop. The story hour was only through the first week of August this year. Attendance of story hours after the Fest are typically minimal. Dan would like to do another John Denver night next year. All were pleased and thankful for the continued support of the long established performers events. Another well attended addition to the season were the seminars offered on Saturday's with Terry Foster, Dave Raup, and Dave Ranney. The Folk Festival went well but needs some clarification regarding sponsorship monies and how they are divided between the Barn and the Land Trust. For the last two years the sponsorship monies have not been received by the Red Barn despite continued requests. Concern was also raised regarding Door County Spirits sponsorship and the conflict it creates with the Red Barn Mission statement. The acting camp was well attended, with twenty-two children. This year the Red Barn co-sponsored the event rather than charging Island Players for rental. The Music Festival gave a \$500 donation again this year for use of the Barn for Samantha George's seminars. The last Friday was the Eric Lewis, Tommy Burrows, Jimmy Davis, and Tony Sneed. It was a great finish to a great year.
9. The CCC suggested that the RBC consider officers for their committee.

Janet agreed to be a Co-President if Dave Ranney agreed to join the committee as President. Carolyn took on Secretary. They hoped to meet within the month and sort some more of this out.

We reevaluated the sub-committees members and their roles.

Parking: Tom, Linda, and Paula

Lighting: Dan, Jane, and Carolyn

Grounds Maintenance: Leila, Janet, and Jim

Buildings: Dan, Jake, Pat, and Janet

Trails: Leila, Janet, and Jim

Representatives: Margaret, Carolyn, Paula, and Lorel

10. The future parking lot was discussed. The Town Crew was to put in the new parking lot in the back area when time allowed. There needs to be clarification as to when the work will happen, how the berm will be laid out, or how to discontinue the current parking situation.

It was suggested that the Town Crew be asked to spray the poison ivy. It is on the trails. If they can do two big sprays a year, hopefully someone on the RBC can do some spot maintenance.

The re-siding of the Barn was discussed, its importance, and how it will appear. The drawings and bid package are ready to go. It needs to go to the next step with the Town Office/ Town Board.

A motion was made by Jake, seconded by Lorel, and supported by Janet that the Red Barn be resided, using the plans drawn by Jeff McDonald and proceed with the bid process. All were in favor.

There was mention of Susan Rock who has been a long standing, faithful volunteer at the admissions desk of the Red Barn. We all appreciate her very much.

Janet mentioned that there seems to be a sense of security in the Red Barn right now. It is here to stay! There was a bit of uncertainty surrounding its future when the TPAC started its programming a few years back.

11. At this point the park plan needs a little more information for lighting and the berm to work on the next phases of improvement at the barn.

12. The RBC needs to come up with a budget for the coming year by September 30.

13. The CCC also needs to come up with a current budget by the end of September as well..

14. The meeting notes were addressed regarding the Fest meeting and are attached.

15. Carol Stayton is looking for support from the CCC to help resolve the gym

security issue. It is understood that the new officer, Gary, is checking the perimeter of the building, which is encouraging. The CCC recommends that the Town Board sort through a few issues such as a usage policy, a designated person to call when there are problems in the gym, and to consider locking the gym after school. Paula motions, Kerstin seconds, that the Town Board pursue the implementation of a usage policy, that they consider locking the gym after school hours, and that usage requires appropriate paperwork and key for the building from the Town Office. Motion carried.

16. Celia will talk to Derek regarding the parts for the gas line installation in the

kitchen as well as connecting with Kevin at Green Bay Kitchen supply regarding the layout of the kitchen. Paula will ask Lois Jessen about any suggestions she would have regarding kitchen layout. The stove was paid for this summer and waiting for pick-up at the Kitchen Supply, when kitchen layout is finalized

17. There were no payables to consider.

18. Lucia Petrie contacted Celia regarding the possibility of a parks committee

connecting to the CCC for consideration at the Town Board level. It was recommended that they consider an alliance with the Chamber of Commerce who has undertaken a beautification role for the island.

The chair racks will be built soon by the Town Crew. The racks will cost \$300 a piece, with five racks needed in total. This will satisfy the motion previously made this year to replace the existing, broken racks, with a durable heavy duty solution.

Upcoming agenda items will be the consideration of the Red Barn directors salary. It was suggested that he be paid for the ten week season at \$260 a week, consider a bonus for the 2009 season after review of last years bonus, and pay Timmy Lyons the suggested \$500.

Discussion of the Folk Festival was touched on again. The CCC was in agreement with the previous discussion regarding sponsorship by the spirits company and how it conflicted with the mission statement. We would like to continue splitting the admissions of the Friday night event but not maintain the partnership in sponsorship.

The issue of computer users blocking the West entrance was brought up and that it should be mentioned to the Town Board.

There was a farewell to Celia from the committee with thanks and an open invitation to return to the committee in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Hansen

