

**Community Center Meeting**

**January 28, 2008 – 7:00 PM**

**Rutledge Room**

**Call to Order:** Celia called the meeting to order at 7:02

**Present:** Jake Ellefson, Celia Hansen, Patrick Shay, Paula McDonald, Lorel Gordon, Kerstin Ellefson, Mary Schacht

**Absent:** Dianna Young

**Audience Members:** Keith Mann (gym floor) and Kirby Foss (School House Beach Raft)

**Approval of Agenda / Minutes:** Jake made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes as presented; seconded by Lorel.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dianna Young, Treasurer was absent. The only change from last meeting was that the Red Barn Director's salary came out of our account.

**Wood Gym Floor:** Keith had handouts on the use of maple as a flooring surface. The article was from the Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association. The article discussed study findings on maple wood floor versus synthetics. Keith also had a letter from Jim Goodwin, President of Washington Island Timber Cooperative; included were MFMA-RL material specifications and MFMA installation specifications. One recommendation that was different from Keith's presentation in October was using two layers of hemlock instead of poplar as floor floats. Discussion took place about the sloping for all the entrances and exits, the type of material for the slopes; and concerning the doors (should they be cut off or should new doors be installed). The Community Center Board questioned Keith about what was the recommended finish for wood floors, and best cleaning and maintenance practices. Also questioned was the amount of money from "Friends". Keith commented that the money was being transferred to the

Washington Island Foundation. The Foundation would be the ones to give the money to the Town if the project goes forward. Keith said that there was enough money for the project. No specific dollar amount was given. Keith said that a common phrase that he is hearing from the Island Community is to “just do it” (about the gym floor; bring it up to code and at a satisfactory safety level). Discussion continued about the quality of the wood from the Island Coop and that the Town, if they approved this project, would put it out on bids. We briefly discussed the ceiling height, and Keith said he felt the curtain rods should go. The CCC said that we would investigate the curtains. Keith ended with summarizing that what he was looking for was our committee recommendations summarized to the Town in a letter.

The committee revisited the wood gym floor. It was discussed that with the elimination of the idea of a basic gym attached to the school; the flooring of the current gym floor was an area of need. Much discussion took place concerning the ramping at the entrances and exits. It was questioned, what impact this would have on the elderly, how the sloping would go into the entrances and exits, etc. It was questioned what impact this would have on the building in general. The Community Center Committee (CCC) made a motion that was seconded as follows: The CCC is in favor of the Town Board pursuing the possibility of installing a wood floor in the gym, with a recommendation that an architect be hired to draw a plan and create specifications for the job, with emphasis on the CCC’s main concerns, which are safe entrances and exits to the proposed raised gym floor. The motion carried with six in favor and one opposed.

**First Aid Kits for the Community Center:** A motion was passed to purchase new first aid kits for the Community Center that will be mounted on the walls. Motion was seconded by Paula. All members were in favor. Paula reported that Karin Baxter would check and keep them filled.

**Kitchen Needs:** This area is being researched at this time.

**Raft at School House Beach:** Kirby began his presentation with a brief history of the raft. He said that it was found in Lake Michigan by some commercial fisherman. Researching on the Internet, he found pictures of a raft that was identical to ours, from Great Lake Shipping, off a rice boat. It was then suggested and decided to put this raft at School House Beach. The Town Crew rebuilt it three times; before replacing it with the new raft (that had to be removed this past summer; do to safety issues/concerns). With Kirby’s research, he got a bid for an identical raft to be built by Master Craft. He got the dimensions off the old raft. He commented that the raft needs assistance to come ashore. The winds that cause it to drift ashore are one of the main reasons for damage to the raft. The price to fabricate a new raft is \$4800. The Town will have to install the wooden deck. Master Craft will need two weeks lead-time to fabricate the raft. The “new” raft that was taken out last summer is now for sale. Kirby said that it was his understanding that the money from that sale would go towards building the new raft. Keith

commented that there was interest to purchase the raft in memory of Jason Mann. A group of young Island adults was interested in fundraising late spring/early summer.

The committee agreed that we should get it done. Paula volunteered to talk to Orion and Jill Mann about the local young adults fundraising and the raft being in memorial to Jason Mann. We discussed that the majority of the group that would fundraise were all in college until mid May or early June. We decided that we wanted to approve the money to get the raft done, to insure that it would be ready at School House Beach for this summer. If a fundraiser for Jason happened, we would discuss this further at that time. We also did not want to wait on the selling of the old raft; and wanted the money available so that the raft could be done as soon as possible. Once it is completed there is still work that the Town Crew will need to do. Patrick made a motion to purchase a raft per Master Craft's attached proposal, with the Community Center Committee bearing the cost of the quoted \$4800. The motion was passed with all seven board members approving. Paula was going to talk to Kirby Foss about contacting Master Craft.

**Red Barn Survey:** Lorel reported that the soil test passed for conventional septic. Lorel presented a letter from Brian Frisque about the deed problems at the Red Barn. His suggestions are 1) write a new legal description for the Red Barn, then the Town records a Quit Claim Deed to themselves to correct their overlap; 2) Margret Frank records a Quit Claim Deed to herself using the correct legal description from her own survey correcting her overlap; and 3) after everything is recorded correctly he (Brian Frisque) will finish the survey showing no overlaps. We agreed to Brian's suggestions. Lorel will continue on this project.

**Island Party 2008:** We discussed that if we wanted the Island Band it would need to be the third weekend in April. It was brought up that the weekend before this (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in April, an anniversary party is planned at Karly's). We agreed that the last weekend in April would be better. Everyone liked the commercials from last year. It was suggested that Dan Hansen be asked if he would organize the entertainment for the evening. We discussed paying him \$500. We agreed that we would definitely have the raffle. Everyone agreed that the commercials last year were enjoyed by all. After discussion it was decided to raise the dinner price from \$30 to \$35. We scheduled a meeting for Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> to devote to the Island Party.

**New Tables and Chairs for the Community Center:** This item was tabled.

**Board Member Input:** Jane or Tony Young were ideas for our ninth board member.

**Adjournment:** Jake made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM.