

Greater Hansville Community Center

Minutes of March 4, 2015 Board Meeting

Present: : Connie Gordon, Chris Brinton, Lindsey Vallance, Lynn Hix, Don Lynch, Chuck Strahm, Lois Lee, Ed Gronseth, Paul Warner, Celia Grether and Carolyn Barry

Guests: George Briese

Minutes: Were approved as corrected for the February Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lindsey presented the current reports and they were accepted as presented.

Reports:

Endowment: Lois Lee reported that the interviews for the investment firm finalists are scheduled for March 13. The finalists are Morgan Stanley and TIAA/CREF. Year to date Endowment contributions are \$1,265.

Re-Keying of the buildings: George Briese reported the re-keying will take place in the next two weeks and at that time old keys will need to be turned in and then reissued to those authorized to have keys.

Rummage Sale: Lynn Hix reported that the annex reorganization has almost been completed. She also recognized Paul Warner for all his efforts in moving items. He has greatly assisted the Rummage Sale efforts. Next Wednesday the crew will begin organizing the boat house.

Membership: Carolyn Barry reported that memberships for singles stands at 35, families 96 and businesses/organizations at 7. The membership came from: January invoice letter generated 46%, the Log first page 29% and the Log back page 17%. Moving the membership form to the first page was good decision.

Easter egg hunt: Lynn Hix has purchased the candy for the plastic eggs and an email from Bethany Jorgenson, her assistant for the event, will be going out asking for volunteers to help stuff the eggs. The "Easter Bunny" has been secured for the event.

Events:

February Events:

- a. Tail Gate Party: Chuck reported that the Super Bowl party was well received by those attending. While it was not a big turnout it was worth doing.
- b. Pinewood Derby: Chuck said there were 12 participants this year and it was a successful event.

- c. Soup Night 2/28: had about 32 people, with 4 kinds of homemade soup prepared by Chuck, Lindsey, Connie and Chris. A number of the Board members attended and were introduced to the group. This was enjoyable and something to do again.
- d. Tuesday Talks 2/17: Chris reported that there was a good turnout of about 40 people. The program was an interesting history of the art, politics, and history of the comic strip. We had new people attend we have not seen at other events. This was a good first showing for the Tuesday talks.
- e. Neighbors Lunch 2/18: was a patriotic theme and the Welcome to Hansville video was shown. It was followed by the Computer Class with Art Ellison and many people stayed following the lunch to attend. Witt has agreed, starting in September, to provide the lunch and dessert for \$6/person with the GHCC providing the paper products. Prices for attendees will remain at \$6/person for the remainder of the year.

March Events:

- a. Rummage Sale Drop Off: Will be 3/14
- b. St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Chuck discussed the dinner on 3/14. Rick Mackey will be in charge of the food preparation with Chuck and Don assisting. Chuck asked that we purchase 3 chafing dishes for use during our events at a cost of about \$100. Connie will coordinate the Soda Bread. Those helping during the dinner are: Ed, Chris, Don, Chuck, Connie and the Menehans.
- c. Neighbors Lunch is 3/18: Guest speaker will be Betty Herman who will talk about taking control of life choices.
- d. Computer Class 3/18: Art Ellison will again teach a computer class following the lunch and will continue through April. A May class may be held depend on how much interest there is.
- e. Bingo 3/21: Fred Nelson is in charge of the event with Gary, Paul, Lindsey, Connie and Chris helping.
- f. Tuesday Talk 3/24: The topic is Barbershop Singing

Business for Discussion:

- a. Standby Generator: Chuck presented his research on the cost of purchasing and installing a new 17KW automatic standby electric generator to replace the current manual standby generator for use during a power outage. This would enhance the Community Center's function as a warming center with a greater capacity and much easier operation. There was discussion by the Board about the proposed equipment, placement, capabilities and benefits to the community with the addition of this new automatic equipment. The Board felt this was a good upgrade for the building and made the center a more effective warming center. Chuck was directed to get at least two bids for the equipment and installation. A motion was passed to get at least two bids for the purchase and installation of a standby generator with a 17 KW capacity to replace the current generator and to have the cost of the purchase removed from the cash available and moved to capital expense. Chuck will report back to the Board at the next meeting with the results of the bid request.

- b. Norwegian Point Boat House: GHCC currently has an arrangement with the County that allows use of the boat house building for storage of the Rummage Sale donations. GHCC uses the entire space during the collection donation months. Currently the building's roof is in very bad condition and has been patched repeatedly. It can no longer be repaired and suffers significant leaks causing damage to the items stored inside. Based on this issue, the Board discussed various options for storage space and the possibility of replacing the roofing on the boat house. There was no clear direction at this time and it was decided we needed to have in-depth discussions with the County and its plan for the building as well as its need for repairs. Chuck, Ed, and Paul have volunteered to meet with County representatives and report back to the Board. The issue of providing dry secure storage for Rummage Sale items will on-going discussion for the Board.
- c. Log: Connie reviewed current issues with the monthly Log production
 - a. An internship position to assist was rejected as not workable by the Log volunteers.
 - b. Research is currently being conducted on production software whether there are other software options that would make the process easier.
 - c. All articles need to be submitted to the Log by the 12th for the following month's publication.
 - d. The proof reader position is currently open and they are working on finding a qualified volunteer for the position.
 - e. Distribution options for the Log were discussed and no changes are going to be made at this time.
- d. Mural at the Hansville store: Lynn reported the protective covering will be removed and a protective coating will be applied. There is currently \$200 designated in the reserves for this maintenance. Judy and Daryl Gover are responsible for this work.

Meeting was adjourned.