

Fish House Community Center Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 7:00 PM

The following members were present: Joanne Blaauboer, Aggie Buell, Cindy Clemens, Angel Donato, Patty Ferguson, Tracie Kuchark Owens, Audrey Moore, Cheryl Porter, Jesse and Caitlin Walter, Mary Jane Wilson and Susan Walter, our President residing. The meeting was held at Susan's house due to a broken furnace at the Center.

Secretary Minutes: Joanne reviewed the minutes from the November 13, 2012 minutes. Corrections were made:

- * there was no mention of the painting of the Center, along with the glazing of the windows. Susan and Joanne had offered at that meeting, but there was also an interest in hiring out both jobs. An estimate is needed.
- * The fire extinguishers were supposed to be checked by Tracie, but due to a church gathering, Clark checked them over the winter.

Treasurer Report: Tracie reported the following:

- * General Account: \$785.46
- * Donations: \$2008.48 (minus an outstanding check of \$200)
- * Shirts/Sweatshirts: \$2160.40

Old Business:

- * Building Improvements

At the last meeting, there was a discussion as to prioritizing the building improvements needed at the Center. The suggested improvements are listed below, but not prioritized.

Second door for the building - Tracie will call Bob Eubrick to get an estimate for the project. We will vote on this at the June meeting.

Painting and Glazing of the Center - Sue will get an estimate from Sniezyk's Painting.

Commercial Refrigerator- runs nonstop. Susan will contact Cool Care John to see if he can look at the refrigerator as it.

Folding Picnic Tables - It was decided last year to buy 4 tables, now that they are in season and in the stores, Angel and Bryon will purchase four of them.

Center Inside Tables - The old wooden tables with the metal legs have become very wobbly. Last year, two folding plastic tables were purchased to replace the area where the juice containers are during the breakfasts. There was interest in purchasing plastic tables to replace the wooden ones. Audrey volunteered to look into the cost and to determine the sizes as we need to be able to seat 60 people for the breakfasts.

New Business:

- * Garden Project - Jesse and Caitlin Walter were at the meeting. As a landscaper, Jesse would like to do community projects. He would be able to donate his time and expertise about once a month. He would like to be able to help neighbors in this community who might be "down and out". The Giles are going through difficult times of late so Jesse thought that it would be nice to design a garden that would be similar to those found in 1795 (the year the Gile's house was built). He would need financial assistance from the FHCC and also manpower. Susan and Jesse will contact the Giles before the next weekend, to see if they are amenable to this project. If they are, he will email a list of plants and materials in search of donations. A possible future

work date of June 9th was suggested. FHCC agreed to have \$150 available for the garden project , if needed.

Audrey also suggested another garden project, a vegetable garden at the Broadalbin Methodist Church. This garden would be part of the Food Pantry.*

* Center Clean Up and Repairs-

Furnace - needs repair. Last year it wouldn't shut off and then once off, it couldn't be turned on. Cindy has contacted Bob Steimler. He offered to fix it for free.

Road Sign - This needs to be put up with the information about the May breakfast and the Bottle Drive. This job was given to David.

Water - needs to be turned on. Audrey will email David to do this task.

Inside Cleaning before the first breakfast - members will meet on Monday, May 20th at 6 PM to clean the center and to move the furniture into place

Outside Cleaning - The downed tree was cleaned up by David. Both Audrey and Jim will work on the outside. David is also outside maintenance so we volunteered him to clean up the bottle drive area.

* Little Free Library- Joanne is interested in having a Little Free Library at the Center.

Information on this can be found at www.littlefreelibrary.org. She would maintain it from May to October. Peter has volunteered to build it. Mary Jane said Don would be willing to help with supplies. Cheryl said Andy also has building materials. This proposition was approved and the FHCC also agreed to reimburse for purchased supplies.

* Summer 2013 Events-

Bottle Drive - Jim will do the bottles again this summer. Some bottles have already been left at the center. Joanne will fix up the bottle sign and get it out by the road.

Memorial Weekend Breakfast (May 26)- Angel and Bryon are in charge of the breakfast. The following members can work the breakfast: Audrey, Joanne (cook), Aggie (floor), Patty (later), Tracie (money), Susan (cook), Don Wilson(cook), Mary Jane (late), David (floor?) and Megan (cook?), Angel and Bryon. All workers need to be at the Center by 7 AM.. Angel will go to Pagels and the Stewart's at Perth for supplies.

Rummage Sale (July 12 & 13) Joanne is in charge of this event. Last year donated items were stolen before the sale. A Pod is too expensive to rent so purchasing a shed is a possibility. But since the Center has other more important building improvements, this is not a high priority. Workers available: Susan, Audrey, Angel, Bryon, Cindy (?), Patty (hopefully), Cheryl, Tracie, David (?), Megan (?). Cindy will find out if Handy Ups and Downs are interested in our leftovers and Audrey will contact the Methodist Church to see if they are also interested. (They were not last year).

Shirt Sale- Cindy stated the existing inventory: 14 long sleeve shirts, 16 short sleeve shirts, 38 sweat shirts (2 smalls, no mediums, 12 larges, 2 XL's) Discussion followed as to whether to buy more shirts and what color they should be. Decision was to get both teal and lime colored shirts.

Dates of 2013 Events-

Summer Breakfasts - May 26th, July 28th, August 18th, September 1st

Rummage Sale - July 12 & 13

Bottle Drive - now to September 1st

Tracie moved to close the meeting, Angel seconded it.

Next meeting will be on June 11.