

Minutes of the Cove Community Association Board Meeting

July 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00, by president, Gary Wade.

Members Present: Alice Alexander, Ruth Brandt, Tish Croom, Esthermarie Briney, Ilene Hill, Meg Moore, Terri Robinson, Marlis Rufener, Lynn Stolen, John Van Schoonhoven, Gary Wade (Members Absent: Mari Brainerd, Karen Campbell, Sherry Hartley, Donna Lewis, Mike and Ramona Roper).

Community Members Present: Doug and Regina Kruse.

Minutes: The minutes of June 12, 2008, were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read and approved. The account balances are:

General Account	- \$16,418.44
Festival and Fair Account	- \$8,659.72
<u>Special Funds Account</u>	<u>- \$4,153.39</u>
Total	-\$29,231.55

Committee Reports:

Arts Festival and Cherry Fair – Regina reported that a grant of \$500.00 has been received from the Union County Tourism Board. She is still waiting to hear from Avista about a \$250.00 grant. Esthermarie is putting all the available information on the website. The artist instructors have been contacted and contracts have been sent out. The t-shirt design is in the final stages. The photos for the note cards have gone to Palmer printing and will be ready for folding and packaging. She said that someone still needs to contact Mila about the chicken for the Cherry Fair barbeque which will be Saturday, the 16th of August.

Lynn said that the barbeque is reserved at Tony's, in Union, and available for pickup. John checked with Kaufmanns about corn for the barbeque dinner. They hope to have their crop ready at that time. If not, Great American Harvest can provide corn. He said that we need to schedule people to clean chicken and shuck corn on Friday (August 15th) evening. At this time, the shucker/cleaners are John, Gary, Bernie Sherwood, and Ilene.

Terri said that servers are needed for the dinner, as well as ticket sellers. We need to remind the diners that one ticket buys one plate of food. At least five to six people will be needed for the serving.

The next Cherry Fair meeting will be Tuesday, July 29th, at Kimsey, at 7:00.

Weed Cleanup and Mill Creek Cleanup: Gary reported that the knotweed has been sprayed along several areas near and on Mill Creek, but Mila still will not allow any spraying behind the tavern.

Football Field Lights: Meg reported that the school board has approved \$10,000.00 for the lights.

Grants: The grant from Oregon Arts Commission has not yet been received. Sherry has said that she will be in touch with them to find out where the check is. An application for \$2000.00 has been made for a Wal-Mart grant for the Arts Festival and for Music Over the Valley.

The applications to Wildhorse and to Dreyers for the football lights were turned down.

Music Over The Valley: The first MOTV concert is June 12th. The Brazil Family of Cove is performing. The band is made up of the five older Brazil children who play blue grass and Celtic music, on fiddle, mandolin, and piano, as well as penny whistles. The Cove Preschool group will be providing refreshments and desserts. The concert will start at 7:00 on the Ascension School Grounds.

The next concert will be Friday, August 1st, also at the Ascension School. The entire 234th Army Band will be here. The concert will start at 6:30. The final concert of the year will be Kupenga Marimba who will be playing on September 20th, in French Hall.

Park & Ride: Marlis said that she has checked on our insurance coverage for any issues, as the Oregon Grange has indicated that we must have at least a million dollars in coverage. We are covered for that amount. The Grange is interested in the CCA using the property as a park and ride. The group wants us to perform upkeep of the property, plus, within six months, we would have to get the grange up and running, again. The Oregon Grange would be happy if we purchased the property, which is assessed at \$100,000.00. It is zoned A-1 (exclusive agriculture) because it was originally a corner of a field that was donated to the Grange. It was later cut off from the field when the highway was rerouted. It is .93 acres. The property holds the water right to the spring in Dennis Murchison's pasture. John says that the water is not potable, due to the cattle using it, currently. The Grange is going to have the building and water inspected, soon.

Marlis also checked with ODOT regarding the clearing of snow from the property and the clearing of brush from the property. It would be our responsibility to do both.

Lynn asked if the Grange would be interested in donating the land to the CCA for a park and ride. Marlis will be checking on that.

Community Connection is also interested in providing regular bus service to Cove, but is not yet in the position to do so.

Pocket Park: Lynn said that the paint for the culvert is at John's house. If the paint is available. Ruth said that she would paint the culvert so that the kids would no longer be agitating to get their playground equipment back.

Publicity Committee: John said that he has a rough draft of the new policy and will bring it to the next meeting.

Senior Call Center: Mari was not available to report.

Strategic Plan Update: Marlis said that there will be surveys available to be filled out at the Cherry Fair. John said that we need to contact special interest groups and invite them to a public comment meeting. Ilene said that October would be the best month to hold such a meeting.

Lynn reminded the group that the strategic plan has been updated at least two to three times. It used to be updated every year at the annual meeting. Community members would attend a brainstorming session and then vote on which ideas would be addressed during the coming year. This practice has fallen into disuse.

The question remained on how to get community involvement in the renewed planning procedure. In addition to the survey at the Cherry Fair, Ilene suggested putting a suggestion box out in front of Founders Hall, at the library book sale. Surveys will also be available on the website.

A committee was formed to work on the update. The members are: John Van Schoonhoven, Marlis Rufener, Gary Wade, Ruth Brandt, Karen Campbell, Donna Lewis, Ilene Hill, and Tish Croom.

Marlis brought a mock-up of a survey, which is attached.

COVE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Please answer these questions and add your comments for the opportunity to win a Cherry Fair T-shirt and cherry cards.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

The last community strategic plan was completed ten years ago. There have been changes in our community as well as in the general economy. What would you like to see happen here to improve our community?

1. Physical Infrastructure

- _____ Improve roads
- _____ Build sidewalks
- _____ Encourage affordable housing
- _____ Improve pedestrian safety near schools
- _____ Develop park & ride locations to minimize fuel usage
- _____ Examine existing zoning to see if it meets current needs
- _____ Other _____

2. Business and Economic Development

- _____ Develop a plan to encourage home-based occupations
- _____ Encourage visitors to Cove as a means of generating income for the community
- _____ Work with city and county agencies to develop guidelines for beginning new businesses in Cove
- _____ Encourage establishment of bed-and-breakfasts and other destination lodging facilities
- _____ Encourage facilities for retirement living
- _____ Encourage development of local food co-op to provide market for producers and consumers in the community
- _____ Encourage more shopping opportunities within the community
- _____ Other _____

3. Human Resources

- _____ Improve Cove Library facilities
- _____ Develop a community center for meetings, classes and entertainment
- _____ Improve transportation opportunities between Cove and other communities
- _____ Develop action plan and financial support for developing public parks and playing fields
- _____ Other _____

4. Quality of Life

- _____ Improve attractiveness of the common areas in the community
- _____ Develop procedures to ensure clean air in the Cove community
- _____ Encourage the development of wildlife habitat areas that will not have an impact on agricultural areas
- _____ Recognize and deal with problem weeds
- _____ Other _____

Teen Job Board: Esthermarie reported that there are some logistical problems that the group is still working on, that have to be addressed before the process can be completed.

Welcome Wagon/Cove Connection: Karen had previously reported that the Improvement Club was going to produce the phone book, but no publish date had been determined. We felt that we needed to know what the date of publication might be, so that we could determine whether we should offer to take over the publication.

Marlis said that we need a good map of Cove. Several that are in existence have numerous errors and omissions.

Other Old Business:

Tish said that the CUNPMA board still needs more Cove representation on it. We need to keep the issue on our agenda so that we can find someone in the community who is involved with the school, on the board. Meg said that she would like to serve on the board. Ilene Bowles is on the board and has all the meeting times and locations.

New Business: Esthermarie reported that there is a problem with spam coming to the website contact address, because the address is the same as the domain name. The filters that EONI uses also bounce legitimate mail back to the senders, so she wanted to know if she could change the web master's address. We agreed that the website contact address should be changed permanently to covewebmaster@eoni.com.

Ilene mentioned that she had talked to Harold Blank about manning a Cove Historian booth at the fair. He was very interested in the idea. She said she has a big Niagara reclining chair, plus a tent that can be used as the booth. Harold could use the chair. She said she and Burton would need help moving the tent and the chair and getting it set up. She will ask Harold if he's interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.