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**WES COMMUNITY**  
*An independent non-profit dedicated to  
 supporting outdoor education at  
 Whiskeytown Environmental School*

Meeting Notes  
 WES Community Board  
 Monday, February 27th 2017, 6:00 to 7:30pm  
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Stan Bridges, Ellen Petrick, Nathan Fairchild

Not Present:

	Discussion	Action Items
Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm	
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Stan moved to approve the January Minutes, Ted seconded. Minutes approved.	
Treasure's Report	<p>\$3,779.97 current balance in account.</p> <p>Tax Forms due 5/15/17:</p> <p>990-N Federal IRS</p> <p>199N CA Franchise Tax Board</p> <p>RRF-1 CA Attorney General</p> <p>Kathy is feeling confident in the taxes being smooth and non-complicated and working with Sherry Lawrence, who has volunteered her time as our accountant, to better understand and complete the process.</p>	
<b>Ongoing Business</b>		
SCOE Update	Working on becoming the model of NGSS that schools are looking for. Boosting number of observations of instructors.	

**Board of Directors**

Stan Bridges    Kathy Hill    Melinda Kashuba, PhD  
 Edward Meyer

**WES Liaisons** - Cassie Simons  
**SCOE Liaison** – Nathan Fairchild    **WNRA Liaison** – Ellen Petrick  
**Special Projects** - David Huscher

	<p>Campus evacuation and campus closure events due to weather both went very smoothly and well organized</p> <p>SCOE is searching for a new Superintendent. Options are to hire from within when they choose or they can fly the job and open it up for applicants and interviews.</p> <p>STEM Center recently covered in the local media located on the river front in Redding is very much in early, early stage of planning and exists now as a good idea with a nice building design, but little more. No money exists to fund the construction or programs at this time.</p> <p>Senate bill currently drafted and in committee for \$4.5 million to get state money to outdoor education programs.</p>	
WNRA Update	<p>No need to be concerned about NPS compliance issues in regards to repainting and repairing the Cabin steps. Ellen will look in to the rules regarding power tool use by volunteers and report back.</p> <p>Bio Blitz: due largely to a less than enthusiastic response from schools regarding interest in attending a spring Bio Blitz, the event has been scrapped at this time. Looking to replace last year's event with a number of smaller, school specific field trip type events and a Bat Chat type event on campus at the amphitheater. Jenn and Ellen will continue to put a plan together with support from WES Community as needed.</p> <p>NPS is looking to do a trail plan including WES Campus area trails. July 11, 12, and 13 there will be a scoping meeting in Redding regarding the trails and trail use and compliance.</p>	
2016 Taxes	<p>Kathy has met with Accountant and is working on last year's taxes. See Treasurer's report for further details.</p>	
Quilt Raffle	<p>Kathy still is working on contacting and working out the details with the Redding Wonderland Garden Club as to the use of their \$1,000.00 donation. Plan remains to still use a portion of the donation to fund the online hosting of the quilt raffle.</p>	
Conference Set-Up Gear	<p>Kathy has asked Tim Hill from CH2M Hill if the company may have old and unused conference displays that the company would be willing to donate for WES to use at events.</p>	
WES Community Social Media	<p>Twitter account has been set up @WESCommunity1. Discussion was had regarding the types of posts and comments WES Community would engage in. Will keep things positive, science and education based, non-political and will strive to link with our partners social media accounts.</p> <p>Kathy will feed images and video she captures at camp for Ted to post of various social media.</p>	

Giving Tuesday Registration	Melinda is still working on the rather complicated process of getting signed up with the Shasta Community Regional Foundation. Working on getting on the mailing list that contains a great deal of information regarding getting set up to be included in Giving Tuesday.  Application packet due in May.	
<b>New Business</b>		
"Non-Profit Boards and Governance"	Melinda will look to attend the Shasta College hosted program on March 16, 2017 in downtown Redding.	
Shasta Community Access Channel	Melinda has done some research into trying to get our video up on Community Access TV. Found some information regarding Shasta Community Access Channel and will continue to follow up regarding fees.	
Quarterly Meeting	April meeting will be a quarterly long range planning Board Member Only meeting.	
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:30pm	

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm March 27 2017

or the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month