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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, June 26th 2017, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Ellen Petrick (NPS), Breana Esparza (NPS Intern)

Not Present: Kathy Hill, Nathan Fairchild (SCOE), Stan Bridges

	Discussion	Action Items
Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm	
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Not enough board members for a quorum to vote to approve the May Minutes. Ted will send out an email regarding the minutes and ask absent members to vote via email. Results of the vote will be documented on July Minutes.	
Treasurer's Report	Activity was limited to paying for the PO Box: \$52.00 We received a check from the Redding Wonderland Garden Club in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ted will get the check to Kathy for deposit.	
Ongoing Business		
SCOE Update	Cassie and Nate not present, Melinda read notes Nate sent her on his behalf. Transcript of notes below. <i>"From my point of view the major article of discussion is the steamer. I think you know where we are with that. We are looking into what type of steamer we really need. The price range and steamers I think I emailed to you is about \$6000 on up to \$20,000.</i> <i>WES is going great. The summer camp under Kate seems to be going wonderfully. I am about to start working on curricula for use in the field lab program as well as working with Cassie on the</i>	

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><i>residential program curriculum.</i></p> <p><i>One topic to think about is the 50 year anniversary of WES. I need to look up the exact date but I think we're about 2 ½ years out. This strikes me as an opportunity to have a really large event that would double as celebration and fundraiser. Jim Milestone as you know is excited to work with us on this. We are definitely at the brain storming stage so if your group has thoughts that would be really useful for all of us."</i></p> <p>Nate plans to discuss with the kitchen crew their thoughts and needs on a new steamer and share the info with WES Comm. If needed WES may consider trying to fundraise to get a new steamer.</p> <p>No response yet from the Chevron Letter.</p>	
WNRA Update	<p>Jenn Gibson asked Ellen to report that an inmate crew cleared brush and berries around structures on campus earlier in the month.</p> <p>Looking to reschedule big discussion meeting based on Cassie and Nate's schedule.</p> <p>WRNA staff would like to retire the term NEED Camp and start referring to both the physical location and the program as Whiskeytown Environmental School. This will be further discussed.</p> <p>Breana, intern for the NPS, will be working this summer on documentation for a Determination of Eligibility for listing on National Register of Historic Places for the WES campus.</p>	
Redding Wonderland Garden Club	<p>Kathy and Melinda attended a meeting of the Garden Club on June 1st and spoke on behalf of WES Community. The response from the members was overwhelmingly positive and they are very supportive and sincere about the programs at WES and are very interested in assisting kids in attending. Kathy has been the main point of contact with the club.</p> <p>We received a check from the Redding Wonderland Garden Club in the amount of \$1,000.00.</p>	
Giving Tuesday	<p>Melinda made a reservation for her and Kathy to attend the required NSGT Nonprofit Orientation Workshop in August.</p>	
City Connect 2017 Report	<p>Kathy provided a pop up shade structure and supplies that were much appreciated during the event. A wide array of folks came by to talk and ask about WES Community and its support of WES programs during the 4 hour nonprofit showcase. Names and contact information were collected and contacts with interested parties will be maintained via email and social media.</p>	
Outdoor Educational Facilities Grant	<p>Deadline is September 2017. State Parks gives money for materials for outdoor education facilities, but not labor. Idea is to seek funding for the materials to provide additional shade structures in the campus area. SEQA and NEPA documentation is</p>	

	required for submittal as well as drawings for design, and location. Any shade structure affixed to an existing structure should not be too much trouble to get approved, but any new structures may be prohibitively difficult to receive permission to construct. Thus any new shade structures may be required to be mobile. Melinda will contact the NPS NEPA specialist to discuss the ins and outs of documentation and contact Nate with SCOE to try to get a plan together.	
Quilt Raffle	Shooting to go live in September 2017	
Facebook/Twitter/Website Updates	Edward is continuing to maintain a presence on Social Media.	
Future Business		
Planning Committee for the 50 th Anniversary of WES 2019	Board will start thinking about this and begin the discussions of partnering with other groups.	
Master Public Contact List	Edward will coalesce all contact data onto a master spreadsheet over the coming months	
OAK call for Support	Outdoor Alliance for Kids is asking Outdoor Education nonprofits to support the National Monument Review. Melinda and Edward discussed the issue and determined that it would be better for WES Community to utilize its energy and resources to build connections throughout the community and not risk getting too involved in activities that may be viewed by some partners as political and potentially divisive.	
Innovative Readiness Training Program	Innovative Readiness Training Program is a Naval Construction Battalion program that will complete construction projects in communities across the nation. Project lead, which in this case would be WES Comm or NPS, provides environmental docs, materials, plans, and Navy provides labor. September 30 2017 is the deadline and work would begin October 2018. Projects are limited to anything over 100 hours of labor. Discussion about possibly pursuing the program as a way to get some facilities improvements at WES. Melinda is considering talking over the program with Jim Milestone and getting his input and ideas.	
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:31PM	

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm June 26, 2017

or the 4th Monday of each Month