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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 26th 2018, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Nathan Fairchild, Kathy Hill, Ellen Petrick

Not Present: Stan Bridges

	Discussion	Action Items
Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:12pm	
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Kathy made a motion to pass the January minutes, Melinda seconded. Motion passed.	
SCOE Update	<p>Kitchen Staff is pleased with the new equipment.</p> <p>Office remodel is proceeding slowly but surely. Flooring should be completed in the upper classroom this week which will allow for all the cabinets and furniture to be added.</p> <p>Discussions with other counties regarding interest in a fall semester is not really moving forward at this time. Not yet ready to give up, but not nearly as optimistic about a Fall 2018 Semester.</p> <p>Staff is working out really well so far, even though a number of them are relatively new to outdoor education.</p> <p>Field Labs are starting to ramp up and are fully staffed and ready to go for start on March 1st.</p> <p>Summer program is well on its way in terms of planning and organization.</p> <p>SCOE technically owns the upper office building and is looking to transfer ownership to NPS since it is on their property. Before the change of hands, SCOE</p>	

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

	is looking to do some serious improvements to the structure such as repairing/replacing the ramp in the back, new roof, new lighting.
WNRA Update	<p>Bat Chat is scheduled for WES, likely first weekend in May, more details to come. Will be put on by HSU.</p> <p>Northern Spotted Owl Survey will take place in the park this spring/summer as well as various other studies of flora and fauna in the park.</p> <p>NPS representatives will have a booth at the NorCal Boat and RV Show in Anderson this coming weekend.</p> <p>NPS is working on some interpretive documentation/brochures for the Orchards and for the 4th grade class field trip to the Camden House. NPS hopes to have a program put together that would enable teachers to bring students and present them the historic lessons themselves so that more students will have the ability to access the program. As it stands now, many students are turned away due to limitations on NPS Staff to monitor and present the programs.</p>
Treasurers Report	<p>1/31/18: Balance \$13,183.37. This does not address the checks that Kathy wrote to Nathan. After the deposited checks are addressed, balance is \$11,206.39</p> <p>SI-100 California Secretary of State Form Statement of Information: Kathy has a blank copy and will fill out and submit.</p> <p>\$5,000.00 from NSGT needs to be spent and accounted for by June at the request of the donor.</p>
On-going Business	
Teacher Appreciation Night	Feb. 27 th 4pm-6pm @ Turtle Bay. Melinda will attend on behalf of WES Community and will occupy a table with Nathan. 41 teachers plan to attend.
SCOE-WES Community Friends Agreement	Nathan has been working on an agreement with the Friends of the Planetarium and plans on getting that agreement inked and then using that as a template to draft an agreement specific to WES Community and our relationship with SCOE. Looking to get it worked out and completed by the end of the school year.
Water Bottle filling Station on WES Campus	<p>Liaisons and members of the Board did research into manufactured bottle filling stations and found several models, but none that really fit the need for multiple bottles at once. George did a remodel of outdoor multi-bottle filler that is working very well but would still be nice to have other options. Discussion of funding more supplies for George to recreate the filler in another area of campus where water supply is available.</p> <p>Discussion turned to on demand water heater and the fact that the campus still desires to upgrade the facilities in the bathhouse. This project will likely require a great deal of input and partnering with the NPS due to the likelihood of excavation and infrastructure improvements necessary.</p>
Update WES Video	Melinda spoke with Minnie and she is excited about working on updating the video. She will get back to Melinda within the next week or so to discuss details about existing stock footage. Discussed the desire to make the video a little more evergreen and not as personality driven as the main characters change but

	<p>the story of WES stays the same.</p> <p>Nathan mentioned Alec Figeroua who has done some video work if we were interested in getting a competitive quote.</p> <p>Discussion of what content, if any, should be changed and/or included. What is the intent of the video? Is it going to be sent to school with or without a staff member? Is it going to be a "what to expect" video or a marketing of WES to schools video as the last one was made to be. Also a discussion of the need to have the video close captioned.</p>	
Approve 2018 Budget	Discussion of how to budget for projects that we wish to undertake in 2018. Should we make it a general fund, or keep the projects line items? No determination was made and the group will continue to think about what will work best.	
New Business		
Upcoming grant deadlines	Short discussion of tailoring upcoming grants toward specific projects/items.	
Volunteer Group Organized? 50 th Anniversary Planning Committee	Tabled until next meeting.	
Upcoming Events: Whole Earth Watershed Festival in April	Exhibitor Booth Fee is paid. Melinda will not be able to attend so Kathy and Edward will organize and be present at the WES Community Booth.	
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:57PM	

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm March 26, 2018

or the 4th Monday of each Month