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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, December 3rd 2018, 6:00 to 7:30pm  
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Kathy Hill,

Not Present: NPS and SCOE Liaisons

Discussion

Action Items

Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:23pm	
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Kathy made a motion to pass the September minutes, Melinda seconded. Motion passed.	
SCOE Update	Liaison not present	
WNRA Update	Liaison not present	
Treasurers Report	\$8,296.86 current balance  Facebook Donations have continued to come in but there is no way to determine where the donations are coming from. Discussed thanking donors in general by posting periodic messages saying such.	
<b>On-going Business</b>		
North State Giving Tuesday Wrap Up	As a whole 179 organizations participated this year and received 6,457 unique donations.	

**Board of Directors**

Stan Bridges    Kathy Hill    Melinda Kashuba, PhD  
 Edward Meyer

**WES Liaisons -**

**SCOE Liaison** – Nathan Fairchild    **WNRA Liaison** – Ellen Petrick  
**Special Projects** - David Huscher

	<p>WES Community received 28 unique donations for \$2,721.</p> <p>Board divided up the list of donors compiled by Kathy and will send them handwritten Thank You notes to follow up the emailed Thank You notes that Kathy sent out. Plan is to have them sent out by Friday 12/7/18</p> <p>Wednesday 12/19/18 will be the check dispersing ceremony at the Atrium downtown.</p>
NEEF Grant	<p>Received word that we did not get the grant. 20 recipients of the grant and Melinda requested a list of those who were awarded so we could learn from the experience. Melinda is very interested to see how much of the grants awarded went to restoration programs, where as our grant was submitted more from a resilience perspective.</p>
Budget 2019	<p>Broad discussion of the budget was had and all board members agreed at the difficulty to budget effectively due to questions with program beyond spring semester 2019.</p>
Funding teacher-classroom needs to attend WES @ Lassen Pines	<p>Discussed assisting teachers financially with funds for students to assist WES in the spring semester. Board Members will try contacting the WES bound teachers at specific schools regarding funding help for their attending students.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	
Jacobs Christmas Gala Fundraiser	<p>Melinda has been trading emails with Kevin Martinez of Jacobs who would like to set up a meeting with us the week of the 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss their Gala. Kathy and Melinda will try and meet with him to see what his ideas are.</p>
WES Sweatshirt and T-shirt Promotions and Sales	<p>Kathy has been working with Lena regarding getting some clothing and merchandise inventory to center events/activities around. Ideas include a photo booth, a ticketed event to tie dye shirts, both of which could be hosted at the California Street Labs. Kathy contacted Kate Bates regarding the tie dye supplies.</p> <p>Edward will look into setting up a marketplace on the website.</p> <p>Lena said that come June, if she still has surplus items from the Boutique sales, she will give it over to us to sell.</p>
USFS Call for Proposals "Citizen Science Competitive Funding Program" (due Jan. 9 2019)	<p>Just received information today, Citizen Science data gathering program. 3 levels of grant that they give between \$9K and \$35K. Seems to be very in line with the NEEF Grant proposal recently put together and submitted by WES Community for the Photo Point program. Melinda will work on getting more info.</p>
Partner with Art from the Ashes on a WES-themed project?	<p>Non-Profit group that takes volunteers to properties impacted by fires and collect artifacts to create art. Discussion if it would be possible to do a WES themed art project created from Carr Fire damaged articles. Will begin work in January and February to create works of art. Discussion of difficulty and challenges of working with government agencies in terms of collecting items from government property. Discussion of asking Ellen what the process may be.</p>

Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:50pm	
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Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm January 28, 2018  
or the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month