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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 24th 2019, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Shasta YMCA

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

Not Present: Nathan Fairchild

Discussion

Action Items

Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:19pm
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Kathy made a motion to pass the May minutes, Melinda seconded. Motion passed.
SCOE Update	Liaison not present
WNRA Update	<p>New call came out last week for funding for Line Item Construction 2020-2025. Park submitted 3 requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Expand and redesign Oak Bottom area facilities -Tear down and redesign Crystal Creek Boys Camp to allow for public use -Rebuild WES Campus <p>Strategic planning scheduled for early August to revisit and continue working on prioritizing Park Areas to open and rehab, etc.... including WES Campus area trails.</p> <p>Program attendance is in line with previous summer seasons, no real drop in numbers seen this summer so far.</p>

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>26 Eagles Soar students in the program this summer.</p> <p>A lot of work has gone in to getting the volunteer program up and running this summer but the program is starting to run smoothly with a good amount of dedicated volunteers.</p> <p>Staffing is proving to be a challenge. Bree's replacement has been made an offer and will hopefully be able to fill the position in the coming months.</p> <p>Climate connections teacher workshop will be in the Park on 7/14/19.</p>	
Treasurers Report	<p>Current Balance \$3,497</p> <p>See May meeting minutes for an item by item listing of major donations to schools for tuition help.</p>	
On-going Business		
Redbud Recovery Project	<p>Tags have been printed and we are awaiting direction from Park personnel to determine if we need a permit to dispense tags at the Visitor Center. Melinda hopes to get a call from Park personnel, Trisha on Tuesday 6/25/19, for instructions. WES Community will partner with NPS but seems like the group will be taking the lead on the development and institution of the program. Hope to have the program up and running by 4th of July.</p> <p>2,000 total tags got printed up at a price of \$428.00.</p>	
Update on Lion's Club Fundraiser 8/3/19 Downtown Redding	<p>Heidi Prado has given an update on the plan for the event. Melinda read them to the group. Lots of involvement from all sectors of the community, especially local business.</p> <p>Board discussed running the booth similarly to the Whole Earth and Watershed Fest with information and WES gear for sale. Kathy made the suggestion to make buttons for a donation to the event and profits from any additional sales of WES goods would go to WES Community. Suggestion was also made to donate some of the WES products (T-shirts, cups, ect...) as raffle items for the event.</p>	
Friends of Whiskeytown Meeting	<p>Kathy attended. "Smother them with hope." was the main take away from Supt. Hoines who also attended the meeting.</p> <p>FOW donated life jackets that will be available for use by the public on a check out/check in basis at beaches in the Park.</p>	
Art from the Ashes Project Display at Solstice Festival	<p>Successful fist showing to the public of pieces of art created through the Art from the Ashes program. After the Fest, the installation was moved to the California Street Labs where it will be displayed for several months.</p>	
NPS MOU	<p>Deferred until August meeting.</p>	
2020 50 th Anniversary	<p>Discussion of Sept/October for date as it would potentially allow for use of the campus outside of the rainy season.</p>	
New Business		

SCOE WES Items	Kathy picked up numerous boxes of excess WES stuff and we are searching for a place to store it. Ted mentioned looking into a storage unit. The group will pursue options for storage and further discuss in the future.	
Giving Tuesday 2019	Kathy and Melinda will be attending first meeting Wednesday 8/28/19 from 3-5.	
July Meeting	Deferred due to Board Member vacations. Next meeting will be in August.	
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:37pm	

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm August 26, 2019

or the 4th Monday of each Month