

LONG BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Debbie Steele-Semla, Jane Neublieb, Pat McDonald, Lisa Albers

Tenants: Jim Dehner, Ron Papke

Residents: Mary Joy, Jim Neulieb, Pat Eckenstauler, Jim Price

4:05 PM Debbie Steele-Semla called the meeting to order. Debbie asked if everyone has read the minutes and if there are any changes. Jane made a motion to accept the minutes and Pat McDonald seconded. All approved.

Recreation Committee

Mary Joy said they would like to get the gym cleaned for the Long Beach summer park program. Ron Papke had submitted a bid to Bill DeFuniak. He will get the price to Mary Joy to just clean the gym and get the information for the Town Council meeting on Monday night.

Communications Committee – No Report

Nuts and Bolts Committee

Pat McDonald went to a meeting sponsored by NIPSCO today about saving energy for all town's facilities. Pat is working on the trash and recycling bins for the building. The fence around the septic field was knocked down. New swings are being installed. Lock on this meeting room is broken. Pat will fix.

Finance and Budget Committee – No report.

Jim Neulieb would like to get a commercial real estate appraisal and then make a plan for the building. A better idea may be to get an assessment. Jane is going to ask Bob Pendergast if he would appraise it. Much discussion ensued. Pat Eckenstauler said the Budget Committee for the town is working on an inventory of assets of the town for the State Board of Accounts. Insurance for the town is being reviewed. Pat McDonald is going to get an estimate to replace the remainder of the roof.

Fundraiser Committee

Ross Balling is working on a fundraising plan and will present at the next meeting.

Historical Committee

Tim Austin is going to send a proposal for installing the bricks in the front of the building so that we can begin the brick fundraising project. This idea will be presented to the Town Council on Monday.

Old Business

Debbie wants to know if a place was found to store the mower that Brian Kanyer uses to mow the grass in the courtyard. Brian does this for free. Pat suggested the fenced in area out back.

New Business

Debbie wants to ask the Town Council what they want to see happen with this building. Jim Neulieb feels that the Council will react to recommendations made by this committee. The fitness center's future was discussed. The Town Council is in negotiations with the LaPorte YMCA to talk about running the fitness center. The old kindergarten is part of the negotiations which means that the room wouldn't be able to be used as the historical room. Discussion ensued about the Y taking over and how that will affect what this committee wants to accomplish.

Jim Neulieb wants to recommend that someone be hired soon about cleaning and garbage removal. Ron Papke gave Bill DeFuniak a bid to clean and Pat McDonald said it's being looked into. Debbie feels the building needs a director. Pat says the finances need to be established first. A cleaning service needs to be hired to clean the building.

The Mark Gowan tree is partially dead. Should it be replaced or saved. Lisa Albers will ask Jane Moon, a master gardner, to look at the tree.

Ron Papke feels the brick fundraiser may not raise enough money and what other ideas could be pursued. Lisa Albers said that we can see how successful the pre-sell is before putting any money into it.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm