

OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

4:10pm Jane Neulieb called the meeting to order and the following people introduced themselves and gave their reason for attending this meeting.

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

Tenants: Ron Papke, Barb Balis, James Dehner, Ross Balling, Jim Price, Michael Bohacek

Park & Rec Board: Mary Joy

Community Members: Maureen Healy, Bob Gallagher, Jim Neulieb, Pat Eckenstahler

Clerk-Treasurer: Bill DeFuniak

Bill de Funiak said that Brian Kanyer mows the lawn and trims bushes around the building. He wants to know if he can store the lawn mower here so he doesn't have to transport it back and forth. Pat McDonald said it will have to be stored outside because it's gas powered. They will find a place for it.

Garbage cans outside were removed and need to be put back in place for garbage. James Dehner asked where tenants put their trash and the tenants said they put it in the 3 cans in the back which are not adequate enough to hold all the trash.

Jane moves forward with nominations for the OSCC president, vice-president and secretary;

Jane nominates Debbie Steele-Semla for President and Pat McDonald seconds. All vote yes.

Lisa Albers nominates Jane Neulieb and Debbie Semla seconds for vice-president. All vote yes.

Jane Neulieb nominates Lisa Albers and Debbie Semla seconds for secretary. All vote yes.

The Clerk-Treasurer will manage funds for the OSCC.

Mike Bohacek suggests that an ordinance be drafted about how the OSCC committee is appointed. Jim Neulieb said the committee was already appointed by the Town president. Some discussion ensued about the tenants hearing rumors that the Town is going to raise the rents and they would all have to leave. Lisa Albers said she is involved to help this center succeed and the committee has no intention of making tenants leave.

Jim Neulieb suggests that committees be formed and Lisa Albers said we should talk about the vision and where we're going first. Bill DeFuniak talks about how space is rented and that there are no guidelines for renting. Barb Balis feels that there are things about the building that need to be addressed immediately. Some bathrooms are locked and some are dirty and don't have toilet paper or towels. Pat McDonald said the council is looking at getting more regular maintenance for the building. Lisa suggested that tenants give the committee a list of immediate needs. Debbie feels that the center needs a Director and a full-time janitor and there are grants available that could help with the cost. Mike Bohacek said that Barb Huston could help put the group in touch with Mitch Bishop at the county who could help with the grant process. Pat Eckenstahler said she has someone in mind who is a LB resident who could help with grant writing.

Debbie feels that a fundraiser is needed to help out and gave the idea of selling engraved bricks with people's names. Bob Gallagher said we need to tap into the summer residents to create awareness about the OSCC and help with finances. Debbie has many ideas to bring the community into the center like a farmer's market, a coffee bar, a neighborhood potluck, a family movie night and featured artists. Other ideas were having a physician volunteer to do wellness checks in the center and to use Purdue North Central to help people with their taxes. A communications person is needed to put items in the Beacher.

Jim Dehner talks about doing business here and his vision for the building. Also, the tenants are taking an active role in policing the building if there are any problems. Maureen Healy said a tenants committee is needed. Jim Price feels that the building is an asset and that the space could be better utilized. A committee is needed to look at this and could be called the Mission/Strategy Committee.

Committees were recommended and meeting attendees volunteered as follows:

Recreation Committee – Ross Balling with the Park & Rec

Communication Committee – Lisa Albers, Jim Dehner

Nuts and Bolts Committee – Pat McDonald

Finance and Budget Advisory Committee – Pat Eckenstahler, Jim Dehner,
Jim Neulieb, Bob Gallagher

Tenants Committee – Ross Balling, Jim Price, Ron Papke, Jim Dehner,
Mike Bohacek, Bill DeFuniak

Mission/Strategy Committee – Jim Price, Pat Eckenstahler, Jane Neulieb,
Mary Joy, Bob Gallagher

Fundraising Committee – Maureen Healy, Ross Balling

Historical Committee – Debbie Steele-Semla

All committees need to meet and report before the next meeting which will
be on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm