

Vershire Town Center Building Committee
Meeting
August 23, 2021

In Attendance: Reva Seybolt, Suzanne Gauthier, Nicole White-Fogarty, Ken Bushey, Caro Bick

The meeting started with a motion by Reva to accept the minutes as edited from the meeting on August 2, 2021. It was 2nded by Ken Bushey.

Camp update: All went well and they were happy with the kitchen

Nicole found clean dishes left on the counter which sat there for two Saturdays. No one knew why or who left them there. But it brought up the question: who has the code for the door? We know Reva, Gary, Ken, Tonya, and Gene know the code. Reva will talk to Gene about who has access to the building.

A discussion about our #1 to do list began.

The ramp is fixed

The two memorials are clean

Reva will talk to Gene about the bathroom signs

Reva bought a new clock

Reva will dispose of paint cans unless someone else volunteers

Suzanne gave us her list of needed cleaning supplies and costs and will send links to Gene. (Metal sink racks, new mop bucket and new lighter twisty mop with extra head, more vacuum cleaner bags for the functional but very loud vacuum cleaner). Suzanne is in the process of gluing the plastic baseboard back together but needs help with spackling. Caro will help

We have a plan for stacking the picnic tables and covering them with a tarp for

winter. The Second Priority list will be discussed next week

Reva will discuss with Gene and the select board about the outside storage.

Suzanne will take photos of everything in the kitchen by category for a comprehensive inventory and we will make copies and put them together (in a notebook?). Suzanne noted that there is a group of electrical equipment that needs to be checked out (if it has a use and does it actually work?).

Ken updated us on the REC committee's progress on events. The first soccer 'skills and drills' went well. Seven kids showed up. They are hoping to get more for the next one. He will reach out to kids in the Chelsea School area as their sports programs have all been cancelled.

The next food truck event is September 9.

The REC committee is hoping to schedule a Pizza and Mixer training so they can have a wood fired Pizza event.

We have lots of donated pizza boxes.

Suzanne suggested that they could reach out for ingredient donations from BJ's and King Arthur, and Walmart, and Vermont Salumi.

Ken told us they were planning a Movie Night which would be held outside, projecting the movie onto the back of the building.

Reva told us that Kathy Hooke is applying for the Grant for the REC committee. Kathy is thinking of including Westshire school and the Rivendell Trail to be more inclusive. This grant provides a minimum of \$50,000.00 for Recreational activities. Ken is really hoping for a Skating Rink as part of the grant.

The Letter of Interest is due this coming Friday and the Grant application needs to be submitted in early November.

Reva wondered if the Rec Committee should be in charge of ALL events and the Town Center Committee just be in charge of the building.

Ken thought we should all work together.

Nicole talked to Gene and reported back that there is really no flexibility in the insurance and rental agreements that are in place but then went on to say that separate agreements could be customized for different activities in the building and any free events, that are open to the public would be carried under the Town Policy.

We then began brainstorming possible community events that we could hold that would get people interested in the Town Center building and make it feel more accessible to all.

Some suggestions were:

Trunk or Treat event that could coincide with the Vershare Halloween event which would be Covid friendly

Wreath making with tables set up outside for different stations and hot cocoa and coffee offered

Christmas Carolling

Presentations by local people who do interesting work in the world

Cliff Children's books party

Vins brings birds for the kids to learn about

Pizza Oven Use training and Mixer training

We also talked about post Covid group ideas:

Book club

Writer's group

Card games, such as cribbage and poker

Scrabble

Backgammon
Chess
Friday Pot Lucks
Community Lunches
Dances
Concerts
Cabarets

Then we had ideas for classes:

Quilting
Knitting
Yoga
Public Speaking
Financial Planning

We discussed how it would be a good idea to meet with Vershare and it was decided that Reva and Ken would meet with them (Ethel) and begin 'building the bridge". And not the actual, physical bridge across the brook between the two buildings but the metaphorical bridge between the two venues. Let's see if any one catches that. ha

Ken pointed out that Tax Payers will question if we meld too closely with Vershare because they want to specify where their tax dollars go and Vershare has their own money. (sigh)

We talked about all meeting together with the Rec committee and Ken through out two dates: September 7th and 8th.

Suzanne and Caro will have the wall repaired before the next meeting

Nicole moved that we adjourn the meeting

Ken seconded it
and Reva thirded it