

Hyattville Community Services Association

Annual Meeting of the Board

September 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:45. Those Board Members present were Philip Caines, Kevin Negus, Kris Robertson, John Johnson, Dave Greer, and Jenny Mercer attended from 7:00 onwards. Pastor Jack Preston of the Grant Committee was also present, as well as Julie Greer, Event Coordinator and 12 other community members.

Cowboy Carnival Report: The CC netted more than 1K over last year, just under \$14,000 total according to the Treasurer's Report submitted by Philip. Expenses for the year are anticipated to be around \$5,000 with having to fill the propane tanks before the end of the year.

Grant Report: The HCC could get more grant money if the town was incorporated, according to the Business Council. Keith Hamilton mentioned that he has visited with our legislators about the trouble we have had with this grant and they indicated that they never intended it to be this complicated. Pastor Jack replied that they are in the process of revising the statutes that govern this grant and are written so as to make the process more streamlined and user-friendly. Philip mentioned that we can write to the Business Council and ask for more money. Jack said we have to spend the money that they have allotted for us already first before we apply for more. As it stands now, the code requirement part of construction will be covered by the current grant all except for a new roof. Kris indicated the Board's desire to have a new roof before winter. She said American National Bank has indicated that they are interested in helping us, specifically, in giving us good terms on a loan. Philip suggested that in light of this offer, and another offer of some charity dollars from American National that we transfer our bank account to that bank. The Board concurred. Kevin asked Philip for his recommendations on how to proceed with getting enough money for the roof. Philip said his plan of action would be to: 1) select the lowest bid contractor on the rest of the work, 2) get a grant extension, 3) ask for donations from the community for the roof. Kevin then asked Jack if getting funds from a bank loan would hurt our chances for a future grant or with the contract on the current one. Jack said maybe, and that fundraising is always better in terms of how it looks to grant administrators. We would receive more "points" which determine our level of grant eligibility if we fundraise. Loan will also give you points, but less than fundraising. We can also get another grant with main goal of using it to pay off debt that has already been incurred (if we go ahead with the loan). He felt the focus now should be on fundraising. Kevin asked if a motion was needed by the grant committee from the Board. Philip indicated that he would like to know if there is community support for the above ideas. Kevin mentioned that we are in need of about \$60-70,000, we have about \$12,000 in the Endowment Fund, we also have a donation from the Methodist Church, and so we would need to ask for around \$50,000 from the bank. The roof itself would cost around \$54,000 if built to the architects specifications of a membrane-type roof. Tom Zierolf asked what specifically a membrane roof was. Philip responded that it is a rigid fiberglass/foam structure that would be pitched and does not need truss support but is connected around the perimeter of the building and drains into a drain system around the edges. Lin Doyle mentioned that Byron put one on their school and really likes it. Kris said that a membrane roof is supposed to be a 50-year roof (last 50 years). They also received designs for a steel roof, but the architect felt the membrane roof would be a better design for the building. Philip said in the bid description, the plan of work entails removing some rotted sheathing on the existing roof (about 20 square feet), replacing it with new sheathing, and putting on the membrane roof with drains.

Dave asked for a round of applause for the grant committee to recognize all their hard work throughout the last couple of years. Jenny then moved that the committee get a description of the terms of the promised loan from the bank and to table the discussion of whether to apply for it until those terms can

be reviewed by the whole Board. Philip seconded, motion carried.

Board Elections: Kevin told those present that we can have up to 9 positions on our Board, and we currently have 6. Kevin nominated Jenny and Philip, whose terms are currently up to expire, for re-election. They excepted, Philip with the indication that he would only serve until next summer at which time Doug Hamilton indicated he could serve. Kevin asked the floor for objections and hearing none, the members were re-elected. Kevin then asked for volunteers from the floor to serve on the Board as new members. Tom Zierolf volunteered to serve on it at least until construction was over as he could provide the position of construction supervisor. Kevin accepted his nomination. The Board then held an election of Officers. He asked if there were any objections to the current members keeping their current positions with the edition of Tom as construction supervisor, hearing no objections, the Officers were re-elected. Kevin then asked the Building Event Facilitators if they would continue in their current positions, as they were also expiring at this time. Julie Greer said that she and Ann Joyce would continue to serve and were thus reappointed.

New Business: Bill Greer said that the Cemetery Board, of which he is a member, has signed an easement/abandonment of road with the Alms. It effectively abandoned an old road that went through the lunchroom and for whatever reason was no abandoned at the time the school was built in the '50s.

Marylou Doyle announced that since the Harvest Dinner is not occurring this year and that being the main place which she sells her quilt raffle tickets, she would like everyone to contact her instead to purchase them that would have during the Harvest Dinner. Jack announced that because the Harvest Dinner is not happening this year, the Methodist Church still need that fundraising money and would ask that anyone who would have made for or attended, just donate what they would have spent anyway. Any help is appreciated.

Having no more business, Kevin then adjourned the meeting.