

Minutes

Mary E. Theler Community Center Board of Directors' Regular Meeting January 15, 2008

Board: Linnie Griffin, Dave Kinnee, Mary Swoboda, Tom Farmer

Staff: Anne Whitman, Manager

North Mason School District Liaison:
Stephanie Parker, Asst. Superintendent

Community: Lee Swoboda, Ken VanBuskirk, Margi Veitch, Danielle Skeeters, Glenn Landram, Don Cady, Paulette Cady, Peggy VanBuskirk, Greg Oldham, Mel Armstrong, John Campbell, Laura Boad, Butch Boad, Kaye Massie, David Christiansen

CALL TO ORDER

Linnie called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR THELER BOARD

Linnie explained that 10 minutes would be allowed for each interview, with applicants having 2-3 minutes to provide their background and interests, and 7-8 minutes of conversation with Board members. Two applicants—Ken Boad and Tim Wing—were interviewed at a special board meeting on January 8. All interviews are being recorded.

A special meeting of the Theler Board is scheduled at 6:00 pm Thursday, January 17 to interview two applicants who could not be at this meeting—Kevin Swett and Mike Boyle. After the interviews on January 17, the Board will adjourn to executive session to consider all applicants, then reconvene to announce its appointments.

Pam Merrill withdrew her name from consideration. Christina Patrick, Tracey Harrison and Tom Armstrong are withdrawing

at this time but would like their letters of interest to be kept on file.

Interviews were conducted with Ken VanBuskirk, Danielle Skeeters and Margi Veitch. After the interviews, the recording of the Boad and Wing interviews was played.

Linnie thanked the applicants for their participation.

APPROVE AGENDA

***MOTION:** Mary moved to adopt the agenda, with one addition. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

***MOTION:** Tom moved to accept the minutes from the December 11 regular meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

***MOTION:** Dave moved to accept the minutes from the January 8 special meeting to interview applicants for the Theler Board. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Approve 2008 Budget.** Tom said this budget will be incorporated into QuickBooks so monthly monitoring by the Board will be much easier. Linnie said this year's budget is easier to understand.

***MOTION:** Tom moved to approve the 2008 Budget. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

2. **Approve 2007 Annual Report.**

***MOTION:** Tom moved to approve the 2007 Annual Report. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Manager Report – Anne Whitman

- Theler Center opened as an emergency shelter in December, then coordinated flood relief efforts with Mason County Fire District 2, Red Cross, Salvation Army, North Mason Lions, North Mason Kiwanis and many other agencies and organizations. Over 429 flood victims have been served.
- There will be a fundraising spaghetti dinner and art auction on Saturday, March 1 beginning at 5:00 pm to raise money to offset lost Theler room rental revenue resulting from disaster relief operations.
- Joanne Tejada will be printing postcards of Theler scenes she has drawn. She will donate 50% of proceeds to Theler Center.
- Thank you letters have been received from Mason County Utilities & Waste Management, North Mason Coalition of Churches and the Mason County Humane Society for Theler Center's part in the disaster relief coordination.
- Bingo is back at Theler the second Saturday of each month, at least through April. The dates are February 9, March 8 and April 12.
- Many people have contributed to a fund at Olympia Federal Savings Bank for North Mason flood relief. The amount is over \$10,000 and continuing to grow. A citizen committee consisting of Anne Whitman, Beau Bakken, Ryan Cloud and Cherie Cloud will oversee distribution of up to \$500 per flood victim in the form of grants. A grant application is posted at www.thelercenter.org and www.mcfcd2.com.

Endowments Policy update. Mary reported that a revised Endowments Policy has been sent to a lawyer to review one last time before being approved by the Theler Board.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Fundraising – Linnie Griffin

Linnie revealed an ambitious schedule of events at Theler Center this year:
February 16—*"Till Death Do Us Part"* Mystery dinner and silent auction. The mystery

dinners have become so popular that ticket sales will be limited in the future.

March—Mystery dinner for high-school-age teens.

April—Spring vendors' fair.

May—3rd annual Wetlands Walk. Also a Memorial Day weekend parking lot sale.

June—Mystery dinner.

July—Theler will have a booth at Allyn Days.

August—Theler will have a booth at the Taste of Hood Canal. Also, the 2nd annual Wetlands Festival.

September—Motorcycle Poker Run and scavenger hunt.

October—Mystery dinner. Also the 3rd annual Halloween *Trick or Treat on the Trails*.

November—*Box dinner social* birthday party to celebrate Mary E. Theler's birthday.

December—Holiday vendors' fair.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Schedule:

1. Special meeting of the Theler Board January 17 at 6:00 pm to interview applicants who could not be at this meeting. Afterwards will be an executive session to consider all applicants and, upon reconvening, an announcement of new Board appointments.
2. Work-study meeting Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30 pm.
3. Regular meeting Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laura Boad congratulated the Theler Manager for handling the emergency coordination so well. She also congratulated the Board for their accomplishments.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by Mary Swoboda, secretary. Approved by the Theler BOD 1/17/2008.