

Maple Corner Community Club

FEB 2, 2017 Minutes

Present: Debbie Clark, Dirk Van Susteren, John Rosenblum, JC Myers, Andrew Nemethy, Heidi Thompson, Carolyn Morton. Peter Burke

Chairman Dirk Van Susteren called the board to order at 7:30ish.

BUDGET Matters

Treasurer John Rosenblum reported on our financial status and said there are no major surprises or issues. The new budget will begin July 1.

There was a discussion about heating costs for electricity and oil and whether the MCCC should look at installing a heat pump as an additional heat source. IN other possible building needs, JC reminded the board that \$300 had been allocated to fix a drafty window.

John also offered his concerns on the work involved in being the pass-through nonprofit when a local group gets a grant. The issue was the Calais Energy Group wanting MCCC to receive the grant so they could use it for community work. John said that can potentially create additional work and complications for him in MCCC finances but he was willing to see how it goes. Taking in his concerns. Board Chair Dirk made a motion, seconded by Peter to approve the pass-through this one time to see how it works.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Rosenblum reported a request from the Calais Energy Group to borrow the Large Coffee Urn maker for a meeting. Board agreed since it was a community group, as long it was not needed at the MCCC.

Heidi Thompson reported for the Program Committee. She jokingly said the group of 8 people was going through a "tired phase" but also that it might just be a slow time of year. She also said it was difficult to get folks together to meet.

A discussion was initiated on helping the Old West Church with fundraising for repair of the steeple, and possibly dedicating proceeds of any upcoming spring food event to that purpose. There was general agreement that was a good idea but it was decided to reach out to the Old West Church group to see where they are in the process. Dirk suggested that any effort should include having the OWC folks to actively participate and help out and make a pitch at the food event to raise awareness on the steeple deterioration situation.

The board voted unanimously to increase the payment for cleaning of the MCCC to \$40 from \$30.

Heidi suggested the board consider repainting the bathroom, which has become drab thanks to normal wear and tear. Discussion but no action.

Andrew Nemethy discussed current trends in socially responsible investing and how the Vt. Community Foundation is revamping its investments in that area, based on a discussion with CFO Deb Rooney at the foundation. He said the VCF is expanding its options for those investments and expects to have a broader range of offerings later in the year, should MCCC want to transfer some of its funds into that pool. He also confirmed that MCCC can opt to split funds between that pool or the main investment pool in any way it wants. There is a general consensus that the board should explore that option when it holds its annual meeting in the fall, and to invite Rodney Buck, who is on the investment panel of VCF, to talk to us about that option before the meeting.

Meeting adjourned when it was over.

Respectfully,

Your recording secretary
Andrew Nemethy