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General Membership Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2009

President, Linda Harkleroad called the meeting to order. Introductions were made around the room and we were instructed to answer yes or no to the question, "Have you been to the new Sonic Drive In in Ferndale yet? Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Pat Button celebrated 56 years of marriage Julie Aamot celebrated a birthday and has a new grandson born on February 12th. Walt Pollman introduced the owners of the new Ace Hardware Store that is going into the old Ferndale Drug building. Serena Leibrant gave a profile that was guessed by Louise Sager. The profile was of Jean Nelson. The minutes of the last membership meeting were amended to read that we have Neighborhood and City Parks instead of Community Parks. The minutes were then approved with a motion from Walt Pollman and a second from Wes Gannaway. The Treasurers report was approved with a motion from Kathy Chasteen and a second from Elinor King.

Board Review

The Heritage Society will take over the lease of the Bergsma house and will cordon off the bathroom for use by the Community Garden people who will be responsible for keeping it clean. The City of Ferndale has allocated \$15,000.00 for renovations to the Bergsma House such as a new floor in the kitchen and a new roof.

The new web page looks beautiful.

Louise Sager announced that there will be a Fashion Show on April 18th at the United Church in Ferndale.

We received a thank you from the Pearl Gitts family for flowers that were sent to her funeral. It was the Old Settlers who sent flowers as Pearl was listed as a member of the Old Settlers Association in her Obituary.

The Heritage Society hosted the Man and Woman of the Year banquet on January 29th and was given \$600.00 in advertising from the Record Journal, the sponsors of the event.

We decided that since the January meeting had no program, and the meeting ended up in a very successful social time. January membership meetings will be a social time from now on.

President, Linda Harkleroad applied for funding from the city's Hotel/Motel tax for the cost of our web page and the cost of the replies to letters to Santa. Both projects can be considered marketing tourism which the state mandates as the use for such funds.. There may be another hotel going in on the Slater Road area which would increase the funds.

Clean up day at the park is from 9 to noon on Saturday the 28th. It is also Highway Clean up day starting at 7:30 am at the MacDonald's in Ferndale.

The annual Plant Sale is on May 2nd at Samuels Furniture Parking lot. Betty Eichenberger has lots of pots for plants. Also garden art or magazines and books on gardening are welcome.

New Business

Mayor, Gary Jensen told us that the new hotel mentioned earlier will be a Marriott. The major portion of the new tax can go towards tour guides at the park.

Mayor Jensen also spoke about the Law and Justice Facility for which \$7 million has been put aside. A feasibility study was done on Pacific Highway near Wilson Furniture for a new library. The present library was deemed the best site for the new law and justice center. The spot near Wilson Furniture is only big enough for a library to serve Ferndale citizens and the need is for a library that can serve the whole Ferndale School District. A new library has been in the works for 3 1/2 years. A new City Hall was supposed to go behind the library but was voted down. The door that we see from Main Street is actually the back door to the library the front door is in the back. The City Council wants to move the Police station into the library now. An architect said the cost to fix up the library to become a police station would be around \$5 million. The Pioneer Park Pavilion (formerly the old Boys and Girls Club) after it is fixed up would be a temporary library and become a community center, visitor center, and chamber office in the future. More rest rooms will be added during renovation of the building. Authorization from committees to have parking from Cherry to Alder Street to create more parking near the school is being sought. It is possible that stimulus funds can be used for this project. Steve Leibrant questioned how long the library would be at the Pioneer Park Pavilion. Mayor Jensen said he did not know, it depended on the economy. Donna Pollman inquired how soon would the Pioneer Park Pavilion will look decent? Mayor Jensen said it will happen soon. Serena Leibrant wanted to know if the outside design would fit in with Pioneer Park. Mayor Jensen assured us that it would. We would like to have a new kitchen in the Pioneer Park Pavilion. The antique library that Intalco is giving to us will be located near the P.P.P. and will have room for an office for the Heritage Society and tour guides. The D.U.P.I. garden will lose some area when the library is moved in from Intalco. Paul Nelson stated that he would like to have some input on the design of the P.P.P. Elinor King asked whether the plans to put new electric wiring in the park is still going to happen. She was told that it will happen in two to three weeks.

Boys and Girls Club capital campaign

Linda Mooney who is on the Board for both the Boys and Girls Club and the Heritage Society presented a flyer with levels of donating to the Boys and Girls Club. One example is a \$250.00 donation would get you a brick or tile with your name on it at the entry way at the door. Fifty dollars will get your name on a gym floor wood slat. They are looking for individual donations or from organizations. June 20th will be the date of the Annual Boys and Girls Club auction. The club will need chairs and tables, computers. Etc. The new Boys and Girls Club will open in February of 2010. The new club will have a public meeting room for different groups to meet in.

Committee Reports

Building Improvements

Steve Leibrant had a picture of the person who moved the Larson cabin to the park. He also said that the Jenni House, and the Larson house will be getting new roofs soon. The cost for both cabins will be \$9,000.00. The Old Settlers Association will pay for the work and then submit a bill to the City. The back doors on the Jenni House and the Shields house need to be fixed. Some of the projects can be done on Saturday the 28th.

Sunshine

Dolores Norris sent a get well cart to Bob Graves who had back surgery and to Jim Elliott who's father passed away.

Parks Board

One of the parks had garbage dumped on it. The Bender Park which has a great view is being considered as a memorial park.

CCA

Brent Goodrich stated that progress had been made in the 20 year plan. The annual meeting will be held on May 7th from 6-9 pm at Cascadia Elementary School. Organizations are welcome to have a table at the meeting to dispense information about their organization, Curt Hay went to Olympia to personally invite politicians to be at the meeting to hear an updated list of accomplishments, The CCA meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at City Hall and the public is welcome to attend.

Education Program

Julie Aamot stated that the Education Program will start on May 1st and be held on May 5th to the 8th and the 12th to the 14th of May. The groups coming this year will be smaller than past years due to the economy. Kids will learn candle making, harvesting, saw wood, split shakes, clean house, make bread, map reading and learn about the Pony Express at the Post Office. They will also learn how to write with quill pens and ink at the school house. There will be 5 full days and lunch will be served to volunteers. The kids will be 2nd graders and 5th graders. Volunteer sheets were available for signing up to help.

Thanks

Fred and Kay Sutcliffe painted the walls of the Tillicum House and made it look very nice.

The Eichenbergers and Jean Nelson provided the evening refreshments.

Paul Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Donna Pollman and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Chasteen, Secretary