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General Membership Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2009

Serena Leibrant called the meeting to order in the absence of Linda Harkleroad, President. Introductions were made around the room and birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. The Goodrichs have been married for 32 years and Bonnie Weisen announced that she and her husband have already celebrated their 50th anniversary that will be in December.

Serena Leibrant did the profile that was guessed by Kathy Chasteen. The subject of the profile was Judyth Rainwalker. One interesting fact about Judy is that she has a pen pal relationship with the Queen of England.

The minutes of the last membership meeting were approved with a motion from Chuck Chasteen and a second from Julie Aamot.

The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Kathy Chasteen and a second from Stu McKay.

BOARD REVIEW

Board member Donna Pollman has put together booklets on each cabin listing the items that are in each cabin. The books are available to have in each cabin. We discussed getting a stove in the Granary and having the Lopez and School House chinked. The Foster House is sinking and Lamar McKay will be consulted as he may be able to fix the problem. We are hoping that the cost of having the two cabins chinked will be what the bid was a few months ago. A new ceiling will be put in the Granary and we would like to see that done before the Olde Fashioned Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS

Bonnie Weisen and Sarah Kochler representing the library explained a property tax increase that will be on the ballot in November to help with the costs of upkeep in the library. This increase has nothing to do with the new library.

The committee for the Olde Fashioned Christmas met and has decided to go with a theme of Twas the Night Before Christmas. Each cabin will have something that is in the poem. The Shields House will have toys, the Parker House will have sugar plum and so forth. There will be photo shoots so bring your cameras. The lights will go up on the cabins in October. An English cracker making session will take place on October 6th at 10 am at the Tillicum House. Our flyers are instructing people to go to the Tree Lighting first at RiverWalk park before coming to the Olde Fashioned Christmas on Friday night.

Kate Rose from Big Brothers Big Sisters came to the meeting to encourage members to get involved in mentoring kids. It usually takes from 6-12 hours a month. Having an adult mentor for these children makes a huge difference in their lives. The focus is at risk kids, and a one year commitment is requested.

OLD BUSINESS

Brent Goodrich reported on the Town Meeting that took place on September 14th concerning the new library and the police station. The next step is up to the City Council who will be doing more research. There is a new plan to do site work at the library and the land near the old Dimitris.

The Mystery Dinner Theater was very nice and dinner was excellent. There were under 70 people who attended the event. Serena Leibrant expressed her appreciation to all the people who helped to put the event on. The income from the event goes to the Roy Bentley performing arts scholarship.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steve Leibrant, who we have been using as our middle man to speak to Ian who does the chinking on the cabins has asked that we go directly to Ian and not pass information through him since doing that will be more efficient.

The garden committee is planning on winterizing the grounds at the park by pulling up the geraniums. Kay Sutcliffe suggested that cleaning around the edges of the flower beds makes it easier to do the spring planting. Pat Button's husband did much of the watering when he brought her to the park to conduct tours.

The CCA group will be setting a date for the next community meeting which will take place some time in April. The CCA is taking the lead in acquiring new bicycle racks for Ferndale. Linda Quinn, the new Superintendent of Schools will be speaking at the next CCA Board meeting.

The Resource Center in Ferndale is now providing vouchers for showers and has made available a voice mail system for phone calls.

The Planning Commission is looking into a view protection ordinance regarding trees and houses blocking some views. The Planning commission and the City Council will meet together to discuss zoning for different business uses.

Julie Aamot announced that she needs wax for making candles during the Education Program.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gail Nelson and seconded by Paul Nelson.

The evening's program was telling about summer vacation trips. There were some very interesting stories from Dick and Vi Stone and Bob Graves.

Refreshments were provided by Louise Sager and the Chasteens.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Chasteen, Secretary