

## **GICCA General Business Meeting**

**Sept 21, 2017, 7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Barb Ohms.

In Attendance: Barb Ohms, President; Sarah Sibley, Secretary; Loalynda Bird, Trustee; Rob Schroder, Trustee; Deb Strathman, Trustee

Absent: Marietta Harrigan, Treasurer

### **Monthly Recognitions and appreciations**

Barb Ohms recognized the following islanders for their tireless hard work and volunteerism.

- Julie Pingree: general efforts for many events
- Stage volunteers: Todd Figgenshow, Mike Grennell, Mike Gwost, Michael Thamert, Scott Parker, Andrew Larsen
- Talent Show organizers: Beverly James, Bea Cashetta, Kathleen Phillips

### **Approval of Minutes**

Loalynda Bird made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes from May 18. Rob Schroder seconded the motion.

### **Treasurer's Report**

In Marietta's absence, Sarah Sibley presented the Treasurer's Report see below.

**Account Summary - September 21, 2017**

Account Balances (Including Special Funds)

Checking/Skagit Bank Balance	24,890.20	
Checking/Skagit Bank - Stage Account Balance	8,352.11	
Savings/Skagit Bank Balance	10,272.32	
Savings/Washington Federal Balance	12,723.73	
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>\$ 56,238.36</b>
Total Special Funds	2,097.25	
CERT	823.63	
Meal	95.89	
Playground	1127.73	
Groundfloor Guemes	50.00	
<b>Total Funds (minus Special Funds &amp; Stage)</b>		<b>\$ 45,789.00</b>

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### **Groundfloor Guemes**

Edie Clark report on Strawberry Sundae Social June 18. Ice cream sales netted \$485.06. The proceeds went to Ferry Trail Committee.

GFG has distributed 5+ welcome bags to newcomers to the island.

### **July 4 & Fall Festival Hot Dog Sale -**

Julie Pingree reported on the success of both sales: 376 hot dogs purchased on July 4th, Netted \$357 during fall festival. Julie noted that chicken hot dogs were included in the fall festival menu.

### **CERT**

- Barb Ohms reported on news from CERT. Gail Nicholls is rearranging neighborhood volunteer lists. There is a current list posted on linetime, GICCA website, in the library, and posted in the Hall.
- GPAC has asked to partner with CERT to put up Tsunami warning areas - three areas in particular that are susceptible to Tsunamis.
- On the 4th Thursday of the month there is an island-wide radio net drill where islanders test their ham radios.
- Barb also participates in Region I Emergency Communications Net
- Rob added that radios are important, because in a tsunami cell towers may come down, as well as with power outages, in which case cell phones become useless quickly.

### **Second Century Vision Committee**

Barb Ohms reported on this subcommittee of GICCA.

- The committee recently finalized mission statement which was read aloud at the meeting.
- Recent meeting topics have included: identifying needs of the hall, expanded library space, more computer terminals, added dedicated space for Historical Society, workshop, emergency shelter, storage for CERT equipment, storage for tables, chairs, sound equipment, increased parking needs

### **GICCA Website**

Deb Strathman reported on this project.

- There was an update on evolution of website from concept to it's current live status.
- Deb addressed an email bounce-back issue with recent September emails. This was an internal issue of Wix, the host of our website.

## **Project Updates**

Rob Schroder reported on the Schoolhouse Stage Project:

- Beam and joists are in place
- County signed off on work that has been done so far
- Soon to start on putting floor down
- Jep will be talking to electrician on moving electricity

## **Upcoming Events**

Loalynda Bird presented information on her Guemes Rock Painting Classes. It will be a journey through learning and painting mandalas. Classes will be held at the hall on Sept. 28 & 29, Oct. 5 & 6 and Oct. 12 & 13.

Julie Pingree presented information on "The Galaxy of Talent Show". It will be held on October 21. Bea Cassetta and Kathleen Phillips will be emceeing. There will be raffle items, desserts and 10-12 acts performing.

Sarah Sibley reported on a potential Kids Halloween Party. She has reserved the hall for Saturday, September 23 at 10 a.m. and posted notices on linetime and What's Up Guemes facebook page asking for help from other island parents.

## **Other Business**

Todd Figgenshow proposed a reorganized official Schoolhouse Stage volunteer sub-committee that will report to GICCA. The Subcommittee will make decisions together as a group, deal with issues that come up and how to finish project. Barb proposed getting key players together to understand each other's expectations in order to move forward, also to discuss structure, guidelines, how to deal with conflict. She emphasized that we want the purpose of the new committee to be free of controversy. Rob will continue to be project manager.

Mark Ohms asked about backfill for stage. Todd replied that Phil Burton has a dump truck, and many islanders have large fill dirt piles Mark also asked about stockpiling dirt. Todd answered that we would probably have a hard time getting enough material to stockpile. It will be utilized as fast as it comes in.

Barb reminded attendees about phases of the project: Deck, grading, electrical is part of Phase 1. All volunteers working on the stage that were in attendance agreed that we hope Phase 1 will be done before the rain starts.

Appeal letter has gone out, so there is anticipation of more funds coming in. Based on funds received, committee will look for what part of Phase 2 can be accomplished.

Todd added to this statement that there is a lot that can be done during winter at little to no cost, with materials already on site. Barb & Todd agreed to meet and devise a plan for work going forward this winter. Board will approve plan before we move to the next step. Addendum to website report - Deb added that the appeal letter includes how to donate on the website.

## **Call for nominees for upcoming vacancies on the Board**

There are three vacancies on the Board that need to be filled. Barb presented by-laws regarding nominations for open Board positions. Marietta Harrigan and Sarah Sibley will not be returning.

Barb reminded attendees of responsibilities of Board members:

- two year commitment
- monthly meetings plus any additional emergency or executive meetings,
- volunteering,
- attending events

There is a desire for a person with accounting or bookkeeping experience to fill the vacancies.

Email Barb or through the GICCA ([myguemes.org](http://myguemes.org)) website if people are interested

Loalynda recognized Barb Ohms for her exhaustive work as President.

8:17 PM Adjournment - Next meeting October 19