

Guemes Island Community Center Association
General Business Meeting
Oct. 19, 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; Marietta Harrigan, Treasurer; Deb Strathman, Trustee; Rob Schroder, Trustee

Absent: Loalynda Bird, Trustee

Monthly Recognitions and appreciations

Barb Ohms recognized the following individuals:

- Todd Figenshow, Jep Burdock, Rob, Bill Clark, Mike Gwost, Andrew Larson, Mike Grennell, Scott Parker, and Isaac Gladish for volunteering in the past month at the Schoolhouse Stage
- Kathleen Phillips, Bea Cassetta, Julie Pingree, Marietta Harrigan, Beverly James and Emma Schroder for their help in organizing and putting on the talent show.

Approval of Minutes

Deb Strathman made a motion to approve the minutes from the GICCA Meeting on September 21, 2017. Rob Schroder seconded the motion. All Board members approved.

Treasurer's Report

Marietta Harrigan presented the report (below) and added that the GICCA appeal letter response has been incredible. Over \$10,000 has been donated by islanders.

GICCA Treasurer's Report for September	
Month/Year	September 1 thru 30, 2017
Checking Account Beginning Balance (Including Special Funds)	

	Beginning Balance	24,890.20
	Expenses	-925.00
	Income	+587.98
	Ending Balance	24,943.08
Other Accounts		
	Stage - Skagit Bank	8,363.20
	Washington Federal CD	12,626.89
	Savings-Skagit Bank	10,276.16
Special Fund Accounts		
	CERT	823.63
	Meal	95.89
	Playground	1,127.73
	GroundFloor	50.00
Special Funds Total	\$2,097.25 (Checking balance includes this total)	

Subcommittee Reports

Ground Floor Guemes

Edie Clark updated those in attendance and the Board on the most recent happenings.

- The group has sewn and handed out more “Welcome” tote bags.
- At the group’s most recent meeting, it was decided that the 2018 Strawberry Social will fund the CERT account.
- The committee is looking at how to raise funds to purchase Kelly’s Point to be a part of Skagit Land Trust. Looking into possibility of fundraisers to support the campaign. Emma suggested wine with the meal or dessert, and noted that to do so requires a special occasion permit or some type of liquor license.

CERT

Barb Ohms updated those in attendance and the Board on CERT.

- 28 people attended the most recent meeting, Tuesday, Oct 17
- The intention of the most recent meeting was to help neighborhood leaders organize meetings within their neighborhoods to acquaint neighbors with emergency readiness.
- Wendell Phillips brought attention to a brochure that was available at the meeting. There was an emergency notification that leads to skagit911.com. However the website skagit911.us is correct.
- Carol Pellett brought to attention most important thing coming out of the meeting: each island family talk about their emergency plan.
- Deb Strathmann had a question about the woman at a meeting, identified as Joan Pringle from Anacortes American. Barb is going to meet with her to discuss more about the Guemes emergency plan.
- Barb also spoke about “The Great American Shake-out” - an exercise for earthquake preparedness nationwide that conducts drills with students and the public at large. It happened today, Oct. 19, at 10:19 a.m.

Second Century Vision Committee

Barb Ohms updated those in attendance and the Board on this committee.

- Barb restated the goal of the committee for those in attendance that weren’t familiar.
- The committee is in the progress of establishing their needs.
- They will be researching and applying for grants
- CERT will be one of the things that draws grant funding

GICCA Website

Deb Strathman updated those in attendance and the Board on the website.

- Discussed the evolution of the GICCA website. The current website is hosted by Wix.com, and she has found it is very limiting, as far as the needs of our website. For long-term viability and credibility, it was quickly learned that the free Wix version won't serve our purposes. Mike Brown is helping transfer the site to WordPress. It will be very soon that this platform will be live. The website will be very similar to our current, with more polish and functionality.
- Susan Rombeek asked if our site was in competition with NextDoor. Deb responded that our aim is not to be in competition with any websites on the island. Our goal has always been to connect community members and be a place where any and all information relevant to GICCA can be found.
- Kathleen Phillips asked about fees involved. Deb responded that GICCA will pay a one-time "transition" fee (development, set-up and initial hosting fees), and will continue to pay a low monthly hosting fee to the platform. Total cost for the new website will be available as part of the November Treasurer's report..
- Sarah Sibley made a motion to move forward with work associated with Michael Brown's services related to transferring our GICCA website not to exceed \$1000. Rob Schroder seconded. All members were in favor.

Event Reports

Guemes Rock Painting Classes

In the absence of facilitator Loalynda Bird, Barb Ohms read a statement from Loalynda.

- The classes were well attended by 11 painters who completed 50 rocks.
- Examples were on display at the meeting.
- Kathleen Phillips asked if someone would like to donate one for a raffle. Barb Ohms volunteered her rock.

Project Updates

Schoolhouse Stage

Rob Schroder updated those in attendance and the Board on the progress.

The initial first courses of the deck have been completed. The next step is moving the electrical panel and constructing the drum wall to support it. Barb thanked Rob for brainstorming the procedure for fastening the deck boards and plugging the holes.

Upcoming Events

Talent Show

Kathleen Phillips spoke about the organization of the event.

- This is the 6th year that it's been revived.
- Island artists have donated for the raffles.
- Refreshments will be served.
- Emma Schroder & Barb Ohms have created decorations.

Halloween Party

Sarah Sibley spoke about this event.

- Angela McLean and Lisa Torcoletti will be organizing the party which will happen on Saturday, Oct 28 at 6:15.
- There will be a potluck at 5:30 p.m. on Sat, Oct 28.
- Interested parties can help decorate on Friday afternoon.

Acceptance of nominations for GICCA Board vacancies

The current Board accepted the nomination of three new potential Board members.

Karen Lamphere

Karen spoke about her possibilities on the Board. She is new to the island, living here just over a year. She is a Washington native, and has lived in Lynwood for the past 25 years. She has already been involved in the luminary and rock painting classes. She's doing the course in miracles and kundalini yoga. As a nutritionist, her vision for being on the Board is creating more nutritional events for the community. She is also a pianist and would like to create musical atmospheres for islanders to play together.

Chris Skinner

Chris and her husband have been here 4 ½ years. They transplanted from Anacortes. Her first involvement in the Guemes community was Loalynda's luminary workshop. After hibernating, she's ready to give back to the community by being an active Board member.

Liz Hartley

Barb Ohms read a prepared statement from Liz Hartley. Liz is a retired ophthalmologist who recently moved to Guemes from Mukilteo. She's previously been a part of composting workshop and island clean-up. Her goal is to be more involved in the community, which is what has inspired her to be a part of the Board.

Election to be held at Nov meeting

Other Business

- Barb Ohms addressed the repaved parking lot. It had been 12 years since it was scraped and graveled. Adam Mimnaugh did this work in addition to the work he was already doing at the Church. (The Church initiated this job to mitigate the flooding that was happening in front of the building.)
 - Rob Schroder made a motion to pay Adam Mimnaugh's invoice for the project, \$2300. Marietta Harrigan seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.
 - Carol Pellet asked if the parking blocks were going to be painted white. Barb will talk to Gary Curtis.
 - Wendell Phillips suggested that cleaning organic matter from the parking lot every three months will prevent it from mudding up.
- Barb also discussed the Board setting up a maintenance schedule. It was suggested that this be made and referred to as a line item each month at GICCA meetings.
- Barb reminded attendees about the ferry meetings coming up regarding the ferry replacement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

The next meeting will be November 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving!