

GICCA Annual Meeting,
Nov. 16, 2017, 7:00 PM

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

7:05 a.m. Call to order for GICCA Annual Meeting Monthly

Recognitions and Appreciations

Talent Show volunteers
Halloween Party volunteers
Stage volunteers

Approval of Minutes

Loalynda made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2017, meeting.
Deb seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Marietta Harrigan presented the following information to the Board and those in attendance.

October 1 thru 30, 2017

Skagit Checking Account

Beginning Balance 24,553.18 (Includes Special Fund Accounts*)

Expenses 6,588.91

Income 12,897.78

Ending Balance **30,862.05**

**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)

Other Accounts

Skagit Bank Stage Checking Account **8,297.49**

Washington Federal Savings **12,626.93**

Skagit Bank Savings **10,276.16**

Total Bank Assets \$64,159.88

Julie Pingree questioned the amount of this month's expenses.

Etta noted the higher than normal monthly expenses included Mimnaugh Excavation work on the parking lot, Skagit Signal website expenses, Talent show expenses and annual insurance. Barb noted that Marietta began the process of filling out forms to apply for the reduction of property taxes allowable to non-profits.

Subcommittee Reports

Ground Floor Guemes (GFG)

Edie Clark presented an update to Board and those in attendance.

GICCA and GFG are supporting the campaign to save Kelly's Point by hosting a soup "bluffet" reception and presentation at the Hall on Dec 2. Skagit Land Trust is raising money to purchase the property. A tour of the bluff at Kelly's Point will precede the reception. Don Bird asked about the status of the fundraising. Edie reported that \$1.5M is the total cost. Skagit Trust has applied for a \$1M grant from the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation fund. They also need \$300,000 in private donations. They have \$200,000 from the Stern donation, plus an additional \$15,000 in private donations. A new island resident has put forward a challenge grant that any donation under \$2500 will be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$50K). Donations can be made by mailing to Skagit Land Trust or going to their website. Liz Hartley noted that a mailing should be arriving to everyone on Guemes Island with a donation form from SLT.

GICCA Website

Deb Strathman updated the Board and those of attendance.

GICCA will continue to remain open to content as the needs evolve from the community.

Barb noted that the web hosting fee will be split with the Library as Skagit Signal is developing a site for them as well. We are considering the possibility of integrating FaceBook with the website. Marietta voiced concern about having too much content on the site. Deb answered that there would be an ongoing evaluation of the content.

Sandy McKean commented that as an average person and island resident he praised the website and our accomplishments. Liz Hartley suggested an "upcoming classes" section for the website.

President's Annual Report

Barb Ohms presented a summary of GICCA events and programs for 2017. See the posted document on the GICCA website (myguemes.org).

Trustee Reports

Loalynda Bird - Art Classes

Report on the evolution of the Luminary classes and parade, and how the event will proceed next year.

Rob Schroder - Stage

Report on the progress of work on the Schoolhouse Stage project. The first few feet of the floor deck is completed. The posts for the drum wall that will hold the electrical panel need to be installed. The electrician will then move the electrical service to its permanent position. The deck can then be completed. Some fill dirt has been moved to the site in preparation for grading. More fill dirt is needed.

Hall - We need to evaluate installing outdoor electrical outlets around the exterior of the Hall.

Event Reports

Talent Show - Kathleen Phillips

Emma reported on the show. We had a good number of talent acts and the event was well attended by the community. It was noted that in the future the event should continue on the 2nd week in October, annually.

Halloween Party - Sarah Sibley

Lisa Torcoletti and her team decorated the Hall creating a scary Halloween atmosphere. The potluck and event were well attended and it was successful event.

Upcoming Events at the Hall through November and December

Facebook Essentials Class, Session II, Nov 18

GIPAC Annual Meeting, Nov 18

Holiday Bazaar, Nov 25

Woodchopper's Ball, Nov 25

Guemes Ferry Committee Meeting, Dec 2

Skagit Land Trust - Kelly's Point Tour and Reception, Dec 2

Annual Holiday Dinner, Dec 9

Chamber Music Concerts, Dec 17

Election to fill Board vacancies for 2018 Nominees

Nominees for 2018/2019 GICCA Board are:

Karen Lamphere, Liz Hartley and Chris Skinner

Karen Lamphere was not in attendance but she was accepted in absence.

Sarah Sibley made a motion to elect all three nominees to the GICCA Board. Deb seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. All in attendance were in favor. They will replace departing Board members Sarah Sibley and Marietta Harrigan.

Other Business

Carol Pellett discussed that the Library has been paying the San Juan Cable bill. The Library received a grant in the past to purchase TV and accessories. The cable bill is increasing by \$50. Carol questioned whether having the cable is worth it? Barb expressed that there doesn't seem to be a need to continue the cable service. Loalynda made a motion to discontinue cable service. Marietta seconded. All Board members were in favor.

Susan Rombeek thanked Barb for stepping in as president of Board upon Sukki's resignation, and for all her service over the past year.

Barb thanked all the Board members for their service this past year and wished all a happy holiday.

The new GICCA Board will meet in December for an internal organizational meeting to assign Board positions.

8:20 PM Adjournment - Next meeting January 18, 2018