

The February 16, 2017 meeting was brought to order at 7:02 p.m. by President, Sukki Herman.

Board members present: Sukki Herman- President, Barb Ohms- Vice Pres, Sarah Sibley- Secretary, Marietta Harrigan- Treasurer, Rob Schroder- Trustee, Loalynda Bird- Trustee, Deb Strathman- Trustee

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes from January 19, 2017. It was moved by Deb Strathman and seconded by Marietta Harrigan. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

GICCA Treasurer's Report for February		
Month/Year	January 1 thru 31, 2017	
Checking Account Beginning Balance (Including Special Funds)		
	Beginning Balance	38,775.18
	Expenses	-462.86
	Income	+3,800.60
	Ending Balance	42,112.92
Other Accounts		
	Washington Federal CD	12,343.44
	Savings-Skagit Bank	10,264.64
Special Fund Accounts		
	CERT	823.63
	Meal	326.39
	Playground	1,127.73
	Stage	15,389.51
	GroundFloor	50.00
Special Funds Total		\$17,717.26
Checking (Minus Special Funds)		\$24,396.66

Sukki Herman addressed the GICCA annual funding appeal, and asked for subcommittee to work on the letter. Barb Ohms and Deb Strathman volunteered.

There was no GroundFloor Guemes Meeting as of the time of this GICCA Board Meeting, so no update was needed.

Rummage Sale in July

- Sukki Herman invited the Board and those in attendance to have an open discussion; the questions on the table being: Do we want to move forward? Where do we want to hold it? What date? Should we include Fire Department?
 - Rob expressed concern about having it in the Hall, mainly that the logistics of having items at Hall could pose a headache to all involved.
 - Barb discussed July 3 as a possible date, but was hesitant because of the extensive clean up being too much for one day.
 - Emma Schroder reminded the crowd that historically on July 4th the Hall is open for public use for visitors coming and going on the island, and those attending the car show.
 - Don Bird offered the idea of Swap Meet, instead of a rummage sale. This idea was briefly discussed.
 - Sarah Sibley reminded the crowd that Science Camp is held at the Hall July 5-8.

A motion was made to put together a sub-committee to look at options for a sale, so the idea isn't abandoned. It was moved by Sukki Herman and seconded by Barb Ohms.

- Win Anderson suggested an additional location for a sale, the field north of Anderson's Guemes Island Store (Mark Linneman owns this property).
- Don Bird volunteered to help as part of the subcommittee.

Loan to Pay Back Michael Brown

A motion was made by to repay the \$8000 loan made by Michael Brown for completion of the concrete work for the stage. It was moved by Sukki Herman and seconded by Deb Strathman. The motion passed unanimously.

- This will leave us with approx \$8K in our Stage Project Fund.

Stage Update from Rob Schroder

- Sidewalk ramps were poured on Feb 1, 2017.
- This was the last step in the work that Michael Brown's loan was targeted for.
- Mike Gwost brought in wood to show source of 12x18 boards that will be used for framing.
- Mike Gwost reported that he has a chainsaw mill lined up for week of Feb 20th. We will follow up on the status of milling at the next GICCA meeting.
- Next Step is to make beams.
 - Rob has spoken to the county about inspection process for next steps. Engineering department at Skagit will be ready for inspection when framework is completed.
- Rob will be absent for month. He will leave a timeline for work to happen. Rob will talk to Mike Gwost regarding wood processing post-meeting.

Discussion on CD Coming Up for Renewal

- Sukki addressed our GICCA Washington Federal CD. It is up for renewal soon which gives us the option of withdrawing it. Sukki put forth the options of continuing the CD or withdrawing it, further noting that GICCA needs to have money in reserve for capital improvements, maintenance of the Hall.
- Barb asked Kathleen Phillips where the money in the CD came from.
 - Kathleen answered that it was money donated. Carol Pellet added that the money put into a CD when the rates were good.
- Barb commented that if the rates weren't good, it wasn't worth tying up the money. She also asked if the previous GICCA Board had a number associated with a year's worth of operating cost for the Hall.
- Kathleen Phillips answered that no, there wasn't, but the philosophy has always been to have money on hand for major repairs.
- Sukki doesn't think we should tie up the money in CD.
- Several attendees asked whether there was a penalty associated with the withdraw. It was agreed that it is 1/1 of 1%.
- Pat Harrigan suggested that we could look for a short-term CD so that we have the option of having the money available every 6 months.

A motion was made that the GICCA President, Vice President and Treasurer have their names placed as signees on the checking account, savings account and safety deposit box. The motion was made by Loalynda Bird and seconded by Marietta Harrigan. The motion was passed unanimously.

Capitol Improvement on the Community Center

- Sukki stated that GICCA would like to have funds available for unexpected repairs while also projecting and/or scheduling upcoming repairs. We need to get estimates and analysis on work/repairs that need to happen at the Hall.
- Loalynda requested a railing to go upstairs to the attic at the Hall.
- Sarah stated that it had been discussed at a previous GICCA Board Meeting to talk to other small community organizations, to understand how they had gone about getting a deferred maintenance plan together.
- Kathleen offered that future repairs should be taken into consideration, as well as the future of the community center and possible expansion of the Hall.
- Marietta added that in the recent discussion with CPA she suggested the option of becoming a historical landmark. It would give us financial benefit, but tie our hands as far as expanding.
- Win Anderson shared his experience with the national historic register. It's not impossible to get changes within your building. He suggested we look into it before assuming no changes can be made.

Recycling at the Community Center

- Consensus from the Board is that Barb Ohms offered to manage recycling with events at the Hall and Pavilion.
- Diane Murray has made contact to get recycling bins; there are no charge for the bins. They were put to use at the wine & jazz event. Barb hauled them off to Bellingham to be recycled and compost.

- Edie Clark added that at the most recent GroundFloor Guemes meeting they discussed adding a line item for our island-wide survey gathering interest for Waste Management curbside collection of food & garden waste. If there is interest, a petition to the county would be in order.
- Julie Pingree said there is a garbage can at the Pavilion during events and wanted assurance that there wasn't going to be anything left there outside of events.
- Carol Pellett asked about the success of the recent events.
 - Wine & Jazz event brought in **\$3,550.00 gross** (ticket sales + large donations).
 - Mike Gwost reported on Valentine's Day Blues Show & Art Auction. Band was paid \$500. The amount raised was **\$1421 net proceed** for the Stage Project. Mike stated he will give Sarah Sibley a list of donated art so that we can publicly thank on Linetime.

Upcoming Events

- Sarah's shared an idea for a prom-party event that would either work in tandem with the Black & White Ball, or in addition to it, as a fundraiser for the Hall. She will make another report next meeting on whether it is going forward or not.
- Luminary Event with Loalynda
 - 9 classes will be held leading up to Luminary Parade on Earth Day.
 - Loalynda will be donating her time; participants pay for materials.
 - Barb asked how many classes it takes to make globes. Loalynda explained that children's classes can happen in one day; adult takes at least 3 classes, but participants are welcome to attend as many as they like.
 - Donations needed for the classes are: large and small bamboo poles.
- Sukki circulated list of Guemes Island Annual Events Held in the past.
 - Loalynda thanked Win for his work regarding the history of Guemes Island.
 - Win returned the gratitude to the Board for their work and obligation.
- List of annual events read aloud while attendees offered info on events and the organizations responsible.

Hall Expansion Exploratory Committee

Dave Margesen presented the development of an exploratory committee that has been looking into expansion of Hall.

- He gave a history of how the organization started, its goals, ideas.
- 1995 was the last expansion when the library was added.
- The committee is looking for 100 year upgrade for CERT, upgraded kitchen, increased space for the library, a room for the historical society, improving the sidewalks, possible more parking.
- Win asked the Board to consider recognizing a subcommittee for the proposed Hall expansion and enlisted any board members and community members interested in being a part of it.
- The current committee would like to formalize their committee at the next GICCA meeting.
- Sukki requested that when they come before the Board at the next GICCA meeting to bring what the group would look like - as far as members. Dave agreed.
- Sukki asked if the possible committee would be interested in structuring with leadership.
- Dave answered, yes. They are interested in structure and commitment of the organization.

- Tom Deach mentioned that there are survey results that were sent to the community to gauge interest in a Hall expansion available on Linetime.
- Julie Pingree suggested that Kathleen Phillips be on the suggested Hall Expansion Board.

Other Business from the Floor

- Carol Pellet brought up illegal fireworks on the 4th of July. GIPOA would like GICCA to join forces to support the existing ban of illegal fireworks. This means that GICCA supports banning illegal fireworks being brought to or set off on the island, and no fireworks prior or after 4th of July. GICCA would also be a supporter on the signs distributed for the holiday weekend, and being included in a verbal statement of support by GIPOA. GICCA could also be a possible pick up point for sign distribution.
- Loalynda complained that signs were placed on her property without her permission last year.
- Carol explained that was not her intent, not the intent of GIPOA. She was not sure how this happened.

A motion was made to support GIPOA and the existing fireworks ban. The motion was made by Deb Strathman and seconded by Barb Ohms. The motion passed unanimously.

- Mike Gwost continued his presentation of wood that would be used for the stage framework. He has Eagle Rock Wooden Boat Repair scheduled to volunteer to mill the wood during the week of Feb 20th.

A motion was made to move forward with the Schoolhouse Stage Project under the management of Rob Schroder and that no work is authorized to be done unless it goes through Rob. The motion was made by Sukki Herman and seconded by Loalynda Bird. The motion passed unanimously.

- Kathleen Phillips asked Edie Clark if the Sunday Strawberry Social would be happening this year. Edie has left message with strawberry growers regarding crop this year. This event was added to list of historical events (June, Father's Day).

Adjournment

- Sukki adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.