

Communication, Education, Youth Committee 10/21/2006 Minutes

Called to Order: 9:06 AM

Members Attending: Corinne Krebs, Mary Wolaver, Vicki Skinner, Pam Becker, John Wolaver, Joe Bergeron

Members Not Present: Lynne Hellman

Others Attending: None

Question of the Day: "What does the District or being part of the District Committees mean to you?"

Members talked about how becoming active with the District Committees has given them awareness of local events and decision-making. It has helped them and others understand many of the issues of the community as well as reinforce neighborliness. Members agreed that understanding the issues and working together moves the community forward in preserving and protecting community treasures for generations to come.

Meeting Minutes:

Mary moved to approve minutes from 6/23/2006

Pam seconded the motion and the minutes passed unanimously.

John moved to approve minutes from 7/89/9/2006

Mary seconded the motion and the minutes passed unanimously.

Mary moved to approve minutes from 8/12//2006

Pam seconded the motion and the minutes passed unanimously.

Mary moved to approve minutes from 9/9/2006

Pam seconded the motion and the minutes passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Pam Becker put forth a motion regarding Internet Protocol: *The Communication Committee requests the Village retain the services of an internet provider for voiceover Internet Protocol (IP) from either Vonage or Charter and the purchase of a Polycon station surround sound speaker phone system for the main conference room of the Village Hall.*

Mary seconded the motion and the committee passed the motion unanimously.

Corinne will take the motion to the Steering Council for approval and pass the recommendation on to the Village for consideration.

Corinne reported briefly on the SOP for Agendas and Minutes. She informed committee members that the procedures were written and passed out at the last Steering Council Meeting. Extra copies were left at the main window of the Village Hall office for pick-up if necessary. Committee members asked that Corinne email them a copy of the electronic file so they could print and distribute as necessary.

The next item under old business addressed press releases as a means of informing the public of Lake District Committee activity. All members of the committee felt that constant contact with the community would keep them up-to-date on lake issues and District accomplishments, which would reduce conflict at the Annual Lake District Meetings. Pam talked briefly about a press release she would be preparing on behalf of the Boating Safety and User Conflict Committee.

Corinne provided a report to the committee on Lynne's status with educational articles. She had submitted an email stating that she would continue to work on them and have something ready for submission to the paper next month. Corinne also mentioned that

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several of the old educational articles were reprinted in the new section of the paper entitled "Lake Living." These articles could potentially be printed several ways, which would increase awareness of issues and inform the public of pros/cons surrounding a particular topic.

Finally, Corinne addressed the Database building topic. Vicki had started the meeting with the committee but had to leave due to other obligations, so this topic was tabled until the next meeting. However, Corinne mentioned that the Steering Council was obtaining large maps for the POP's (Publicly Owned Property) inventory project. The maps will be used to facilitate discussion of the properties and each sub-committee will be responsible for evaluating the parcels for potential future use.

Corinne reported to the committee that the Steering Council approved recommendations for internet protocol and will pass it along to the Commissioners for consideration.

Pam spoke briefly about the press release she had Bill Hasse put together regarding the boat safety sticker and courtesy code. Corinne asked that all members put their contact information (author and phone number) at the end of the article prior to submission to the newspaper. All press releases should be posted to the web keeping web-viewers up-to-date as well. Pam added that she would like to see a letter written to all associations around the lakes informing them that the Lake District would make every effort possible to have a committee volunteer attend their annual meeting to answer questions. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Joseph reported that several places in the area could potentially hold the annual Lake District Meeting in 2007. Corinne asked him to report at the next meeting: capacity, air-conditioning, distance from Lakewood school, and rental costs for St. John's Church, Randall School, Wilmot School, Lakewood School, Rumpoles, and the Value Inn on Hwy 12. The committee members will review this information at the next meeting and determine the location for the meeting, and then work on formatting slides for the meeting presentation.

Joe asked that members send all photos and information to be used in the presentation to him at wisconsin01@gmail.com.

Corinne reported that she has not heard anything about the educational articles and she has had little time to do follow up with Lynne. Pam volunteered to contact Lynne and get a status report.

New Business:

The committee discussed, at length, plans for the 2007 Annual Meeting. Members decided to attack the planning in small chunks at each meeting, so that by the time the meeting comes around, only fine tuning should be necessary to complete preparation. The theme for the next meeting will be "social connections – bring people together". Pam suggested that a photograph of each committee working would put faces to the work being accomplished by each committee of the District. Other organizations would be featured in the photo reel at the beginning of the meeting along with the Communication Committee's Question of the Day. The main issue to be addressed this month involves finding a location that will hold 300-400 people, has some environmental control, and would be close enough to keep attendance convenient for Twin Lakes residents. The committee also decided to look into alternative meeting dates when weather conditions would be more favorable for attendance. The date could also be planned to coincide with a new village event such as "Lake Days," sponsored by the District and other interested parties.

Finally, Mary brought up concerns about the Council's decision to treat the Bayview cattails. The committee discussed concerns about the project, as well as, reasons the project was approved. She asked that Corinne take these concerns to the Steering Council to be addressed prior to treatment of the cattails. All members agreed.

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Corinne brought the Steering Council request for "No Access" signs at the restoration project sites to the committee. The signs need to state that snowmobile access is prohibited, why, and where to go in the meantime. Pam volunteered to talk to the neighbors about watching for people who are using the site to access the lake and Joe volunteered to put the signs together electronically. Corinne offered to print the signs in large format and have them laminated for posting. Vicki volunteered to check on silt and snow fence installation at the site.

Next, Corinne explained that each month the Shoreline Protection Committee will choose 5 publicly owned parcels and each subcommittee will be responsible for evaluating the parcels for potential future use. This exercise will help pin-point future district projects and provide a better understanding of the point system for grant writing, thus increasing potential for securing grant money to assist with projects such as Lance Park and Esch Road. Members asked Corinne to discuss the possibility of sending district volunteers to grant-writing seminars and do grant writing in-house. Corinne stated that each meeting from this point forward will address the 5 assigned parcels from the Shoreline Committee until all have been evaluated. Vicki reported that she is continuing to work on the data sheets, but could use some outside help. Pam volunteered to assist Vicki in getting a draft prepared for the next meeting, keeping the Water Quality Committee in mind as the first committee to use the sheets. Finally, Corinne asked for help in keeping educational opportunity postings to the web up to date. She explained that a few important websites have postings that can easily be forwarded to Steph Darling of Darling Software (stephanie@darlingsoftware.com) for posting to the website. John and Mary Wolaver agreed to take the task over and get educational opportunities posted to the web again.

Next Meeting Date: December 9, 2006 @ 10:00AM; Twin Lakes Village Hall

Member will meet at the Village Hall, tour assigned parcels, then return to the hall to close the meeting.

Adjourned: 11:40AM