

CHIPITA PARK ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

APRIL 8, 2019

Members Present: Clark Risner, Wade Talbot, R.J. Brown, Carolyn Houchin, Rex Holmes, Scott Varley,

Agenda:

2019 Calendar – Potluck Schedule

Community Outreach or Services

Marcroft Hall Maintenance and Grounds

Rental Rates for Marcroft Hall

WIFI Update

Minutes from the previous Board Meeting were sent to board members and approved online.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Clark.

NEW BUSINESS

POTLUCK SCHEDULE

Elisa Risner and Christine Talbot updated the Board regarding the summer potluck dinner schedule and themes.

1. At the first potluck in June they hope to have a local mobile gourmet coffee vendor set up in the Marcroft parking lot to offer her gourmet coffees during dinner.
2. New themes for this year's dinner include "All American Burger" for July, and "International Dinner" in August for which members will bring a dish that has been a traditional family favorite and international in origin. For this dinner, the Association will **not** provide the main dish but will provide appetizers, as usual.
3. In an effort to introduce younger families to the Association they are proposing some different ideas this year for the October potluck, a "Fall Festival" theme perhaps including Halloween activities. For the December Potluck they will invite the Manitou Springs Middle School Band Ensemble to play Christmas music.

Elisa mentioned that she and Christine will not be in charge of the potluck dinners after this year, (2019), and an announcement should be made during this year's dinners that we are looking for other members to step in and take an interest early so that Christine and Elisa can help them get started.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SERVICE

Clark mentioned that last year the Thanksgiving turkey dinners the Association provided to families in the Ute Pass area went very well and perhaps we should do that again this year. With the help of a donation from member, Liz Snow, last year we were able to provide dinners for several families. Elisa mentioned that she could get started earlier this year and has contacts at Ute Pass Elementary that she can get in touch with before November.

Some other ideas mentioned were a "Parents Night Out" sponsored by the Association where kid's activities and snacks could be held at Marcroft Hall while parents had a night off. Liability insurance was discussed in this context and it was agreed it might need further investigation. R.J. commented that our insurance is up to date and costing us \$1,884 this year.

RJ also mentioned that we received a letter from Manitou Springs High School Mustang Club thanking us for our donation which included a banner we sponsored through the high school athletics department advertising Marcroft Hall as a rental. The banner is displayed at sporting events.

Wade discussed the possibility that we could donate Marcroft Hall as a venue for the Manitou Springs High School Baseball Awards Dinner. Last year the Sallie Bush Community Bldg. in Green Mtn. Falls was donated free of charge however, it did not include the use of tables and chairs. If Marcroft is considered big enough for the number of people attending we will consider donating the building free of charge. Wade will discuss it with the coach at Manitou High.

MARCROFT HALL AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Scott said that the water service at Marcroft will be turned on April 19th. Clark asked if we were having a Spring clean-up at the hall and it was thought that the only project needing attention right now was the removal of the remnants of the "Chipita Park Sign" that are currently stacked near the east side of the building. Clark and Wade will look into getting it removed. Also mentioned was the condition of the flag pole and that it seems to be listing slightly perhaps due to high winds. It was thought that Kevin and Martha Henry donated the current flag pole not that long ago and we should look into repairing it. Clark said he would ask Kevin about it.

After a discussion regarding the condition of the floor in Marcroft, everyone was in agreement that it was good for now. Scott said that we needed a skilled professional for the job when the time came for maintenance. It is important not to remove the sealer. Clark said that the previous contract we had to provide maintenance for the floor(and work never performed) is still in the court systems as the individual has yet to be served a summons. El Paso County

Sheriff's office has attempted twice. Clark said he was advised that it is best that the individual is served in person. Clark will be updating us on the case as it evolves.

WIFI UPDATE

The WIFI scheduled for installation last year was postponed to this spring. The installer said the ground was frozen and he was unable to complete installation. Scott will be calling them soon to start the installation.

NEW RENTAL RATES ADOPTED

The new rental rates for Marcroft were accepted, voted on, and are as follows:

\$75 for One Half Day - Monday through Thursday

\$100 for One Full Day - Monday through Thursday

\$150 for One Half Day - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

\$300 for one Full Day - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Carolyn will notify Bill Schraml to update the website with the new rates.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R.J. reported that total income for this period (9-1-18 through 4-8-19) is \$12,010 and total expenses are \$6,515. Total accounts cash on hand is \$14,299. RJ said this includes an anonymous donation of \$5000.

A recap of yearly highs and lows for cash on hand is as follows:

2015- High - \$9100 Low - \$7100

2016- High - \$9800 Low- \$6800

2017- High - \$15,300 Low - \$8000

2018- High - \$14,000 Low - \$6400

A recap of Memberships paid:

94 Memberships paid – 3 were complimentary

74 Memberships paid so far in 2019

OLD BUSINESS

- Clark asked for input on the Trash to Treasures Sale previously sponsored by the Association and whether or not we would be setting a date for one this year. Carolyn mentioned that last year it was decided that if anyone in the membership wanted to have a sale that Marcroft could be used by those interested but that the Association has, as of last year, decided not to sponsor it.
- Carolyn said that she could get a sign promoting the rental of Marcroft Hall for \$45 and all agreed it should be done. The sign would be made for the outside bulletin board.

Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Scott seconded, all agreed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27.

Carolyn Eddy Houchin, Secretary