LaCrosse Community Pride

Board of Directors meeting 08/09/2024

Present were: Paige, Jamie, Sarah, Alice, Alex, Kenny, Jeff, Nick, Kevin

Kenny called the meeting to order at **7:00am.**

Minutes were presented from 7/12/24. Paige moved and Jamie seconded to approve the minutes as written. Jeff said he would rewrite the minutes from 6/28/24.

**Grants:**

* Sarah is still working on getting the reimbursement for the USDA RD grant.
* Sarah is working on the ADO grant that is due later in August.
* Kenny met with a representative from Avista. They toured most of the buildings on Main Street looking for ways to upgrade the building efficiency. These upgrades would be at a minimal cost to LCP.
* Nick and Kenny both talked to Avista about a charging station for LaCrosse. LaCrosse does not have the capacity to have a level 3 charger, but a level 2 is possible. Avista will pay for the charger and installation, but LCP will have to pay for the power consumed by the charger. Paige moved and Alice seconded that LCP move forward working with Avista to get a level 2 charger installed in LaCrosse.

**Apartments:**

* The insurance carrier we signed a contract with decided to cancel our policy. Morgan worked very quickly to find us a different policy. Morgan advised us to look into another agency to see if they can come up with a better policy. Paige suggested calling Ryan at HUB.
* We are getting complaints from tenants about the thistles at the apartments. Sarah would like to hire The Mcgregor Company to spray monthly until we get the weeds under control. Others volunteered to do some spraying.
* Eden was back this week to do their final inspection on the apartments. A few dead bed bugs are all they found. The apartments are clean for now.
* #4 is moved out. The shower leaked and rotted the wall. It will need to be fixed before it can be rented. Sarah will ask Darin if he can do it.
* Bethany turned in her resignation. She will continue working for LCP as time allows until we find a replacement. We need to advertise ASAP.

**Andrus Building:**

* The HVAC is mostly installed. The electricians need to hook it up.
* Darin has finished the concrete work.
* The building supply looked at the building, but has not given us a bid on insulation.
* IT has been strongly recommended we do not use fiberglass insulation on the ceiling as it creates pockets for mold. It would be better to use spray foam insulation. Sarah received two bids, one from Palouse Spray Foam for $22,000 and one from Andy Gylling for $15,000. Jamie moved and Paige seconded that we accept Andy’s bid.

**Cafe:** Paige should have the new COA oven delivered by August 19-20. She will need the old one moved that day. Kevin volunteered his lawn trailer to help move it.

**Service Station:**

* Darin is planning on starting to break up concrete in September.
* There is concern how he will keep the walls sound while he breaks up the concrete. Kenny will make sure he reinforces the walls.
* Jay Barensten from HCP grant will be doing a site visit next week.

**Meeting with Richaven Architecture:** Brian and Anna showed us updated drawings that had exact locations for tables, sinks, washer/dryer, plumbing, etc. They went through why they set it up the way they did. They will work on adding electrical into the next drawings.

* Anna needs size of switch board to add to drawings, Sarah’s bunkhouse water map, paint color schemes, and any info we can get her about coffee shop equipment
* It was suggested we ask for community feed back at the harvest dinner for color schemes

**Movie Night in the Park:** It will be Aug. 16th in the park at dusk. Paige will provide the sound system. Sarah will provide the dvd player and get the screen down there. She is working on finding a projector. Sarah will not be there, but she will have someone from her family there.

**Harvest Dinner:** This would be a good time to recruit new people. Jeff will work on an outline for membership options. It would also be a good time to show the community what we have been up to.

**Newsletter:** Sarah asked Alice if she could put together a newsletter or LCP update to send out to the community. Paige said she would help.

**Next meeting will be August 23, 2024 at 7am in the Gathering Place.**

Kenny concluded the meeting at 9:17am.

**Action Items:**

**All: Update community service hours, help find additional donors for B&O**

Alex- Move forward on getting an agreement for the railroad property the bunkhouse sits on

Paige- Speakers for Movie night, plan food for Harvest Dinner, help Alice with newsletter,

Jeff- Membership plan

Kenny-Find out who owns dump property on Airport Rd, Continue work on Service Station, work with Avista on light upgrades and charging station

Jamie- Bookkeeping

Alice- Newsletter

Leslie- Help as needed

Anna- Help as needed

Charmaine- Help as needed

Kevin- Trailer for moving oven

Nick-Help Kenny with Avista