LaCrosse Community Pride

Board of Directors meeting 5/17/2024

Present were: Chamaine, Alex, Kenny, Jamie, Kevin, Sarah, Leslie via Zoom

Kenny called the meeting to order at **7:01am**

**Minutes:** Alex moved and Charmaine seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.

**Grants:**

* Sarah is still working on the HCP reimbursement from 2021-2023 grant. Leslie is helping her where she can. There is light at the end of the tunnel.
* LCP has made it through the initial part of the 2024 HCP grant application process. Leslie and Sarah will be working on completing that by June 7 should the board want to proceed with this grant. Alex moved, Jamie seconded Sarah and Leslie complete the Heritage Capital Grant application requesting $145,000. Motion passed.

**Store Building:** Sarah has heard nothing from Yellow Duck regarding the refrigerator door. She will reach back out to them to see where they are at on this.

**Apartments:**

* Justin has been working on apartment 7. It should have been rented by May 1, but the work is taking longer than expected.
* Justin is ordering additional rock so he and Ross can finish the landscaping around the beds
* Ross will spray weeds this weekend as the weather has not cooperated. Sarah suggested that if it doesn’t get done this weekend one of the board members may need to go over and complete the task so it is done.

**Andrus Building:**

* Kenny has been working with TEDD for a loan to remodel the Andrus building. They require a letter from a bank turning the group down from a conventional loan.
* Sarah met with Bank of Eastern Oregon on Thursday. They feel they will be able to loan LCP $100,000 on 15 year terms. They would like bid documentation and a signed lease. Kevin moved and Alex seconded that Sarah move forward with obtaining a loan through BEO for the sum of $100,000 to renovate the Andrus building.

**Cafe:** Someone sent the link to the Red Lobster equipment auction. Sarah asked the group if she should look into it. The group felt we should start looking into the size of hood that would be required and watch for future grants.

**Bank:** Nothing to report.

**Rockhouses:** Nothing

**Service Station:**

* Kenny and Leslie are working together to get final addresses on the bunkhouses and service station since Jay is concerned the addresses and tax parcel ID’s are not lining up.
* Kenny will take the numbers to the city council so they are on official record with the city.
* Kenny has been taking the metal off of the back of the lean to.

**Silent Auction:**

* Rikki has sent letters out to potential donors.
* We are probably going to need people to go door to door to collect donations.
  + Startin’s have donated some nice framed animal prints from Nancy’s estate
  + There is a set of sheets left from last year
  + Tony donated a shower head that does not fit his decor
  + Alex will donate some books

**Yard Sales:** Sarah asked if we should pursue the idea of opening the Andrus building for those who would want to host their yard sale there. She suggested a 10’x10’ spot for $10. It gives people a premium location and it is indoors. The board said move forward.

**Other:**

* Alex thought maybe we could accumulate some volunteer hours flagging the crossings for the speeder cars
* Sarah would like to reach out to Molly Koegh to see if she is still in the area and would like to help her plan a bike race around LaCrosse as a fundraiser for 2025
* LaCrosse Outreach is officially closed. There is question as to what happens to their assets. In most cases they are to be donated to another non-profit.
* Alex asked what has ever come of engraving the slate tiles. Sarah said she did not think we could find anyone who could do it anymore. She will reach out to Tami for additional information.

Next meeting May 31 at 7am in the Gathering Place.

Kenny concluded the meeting at 8:28 am.