QVNA Board Meeting  January 5, 2012  Minutes

Present:  Jeff Hornstein, Amy Shelanski, Ted Warren, Bill Landy, Rich Miller, Honey Pertnoy, Brent Chavis, Kim Maialetti, Mike Hauptman, Carla Puppin (executive director)  Walt Lowthian(chair, Friends of Weccacoe)

-Introductions

-R. Miller appointed temporary recording secretary for January meeting

-Reviewed
Minutes
Approved.  Kim Maialetti abstained

-Treasurer’s Report

Check Detail, Profit and Loss Statement, Dec. 2011; Profit and Loss 2011, Balance Statement
Motion to  approve treasurer’s report with caviat, pending reconciliation of $3000 Quickbooks discrepancy

Discussion of Board appointments for vacant seats
--Kathy DiLonardo, Leslie Tyler, Cindy Elliott;  Jeff H. proposed Kathy D for Board appointment: approved 8–1; Jeff H. proposed Leslie Tyler for Board appointment: approved 9–0; Jeff proposed Cindy Elliot for recording secretary: approved 9–0; Jeff H. proposed Jeff Rush for President Emeritus: did not pass 5 –4

Discussed vacant seat on Board.  Will spend next month looking for a Nebinger parent
Jeff proposed opening board meeting to the public and inviting committee chairs to attend.  Approved 9–0.

Discussed committee chairs.

Presentation by Walt Lowthian on designs for QV community center

Jeff proposed a QVNA committee to head the Weccacoe building project.  Jeff, Ted, and Carla volunteered for the committee

Motion to give $300 additional for the Weccacoe cost estimate.  Passed 9–0.

Board retreat discussed.

Executive Director compensation discussed.  Bonus of $2500, merit raise of 3%, Insurance to be 60% covered.

Executive Director Report
Office  As an FYI, my hours in the office from now through mid-May are: Mon and Wed: 9 a.m.-to 11 a.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays—9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (There is a half hour leeway in there—if I come in at 9:30, I leave a half hour later).

Equipment purchase proposal:  Purchase of a projector. There have been several instances within the last few years where having our own projector would have made it easier for a presenter. Also, the Sustainability Committee has talked about showing films as part of its educational component. $400 range?

Annual Open House Tour  Saturday, May 19, noon to 4 p.m.. I will be working on getting my minimum of 6 houses for the tour over the next few months. As usual, I ask that Board members help in finding homeowners who have beautiful, interesting, creative, unusual homes who might be interested in participating.

ILMC (Interstate Land Management Corporation)  Funds available for “community maintenance projects”: $2,756  At the last Board meeting, Jeff Rush announced that there are funds available from ILMC for snow removal, etc. Spoke to Barry Promos, Exec. Director, and he suggested waiting until we needed the funds, whether for snow removal, or if that turns out not to be necessary, for any other community maintenance or cleanup project. [Compile ideas for use of funds if no snow] The funds must be spent in this fiscal year-by July 1. Barry anticipates that a similar amount might be available next year as well.

Nebinger School and Meredith School updates:  Within the past two years, both Nebinger Elementary and Meredith Elementary Schools applied for and received Community Design Collaborative (CDC) grants of $1000 each to have design services by professionals (landscape architects/architects) to create concept designs for the renovation and greening of their respective traditional black top school yards.

Nebinger School:  Nebinger was just awarded a ‘Picasso Project Grant’ in the amount of $4500 from the Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY) (PCCY was created in 2002 to increase arts education opportunities in the public schools). Nebinger is partnering with the Fleisher Art Memorial to engage 6th through 8th graders in a multi-media environmental project that will touch on all the disciplines (math, science, art etc) and that will be incorporated into the renovated school yard. The grants were highly competitive—Nebinger’s was one of 13 projects funded this year. (article on front page of Jan. Crier)

Meredith School:  Meredith School is also moving ahead with a plan for renovating their school yard. They are in the final stages of the CDC design process and the public presentation of the plan will be sometime in the spring of 2012. Go to https://sites.google.com/site/meredithmatters/meredith-green for plans and perspectives of the project.

Jeff H. proposed $800 budget for video projector:  Passed 8-0
Motion to accept Executive Director Report:  Passed 9-0
Motion to lend Friends of Nebinger School 501 ©3 status:  Passed 9-0
Motion to give $500 to Friends of Nebinger for materials: Passed 9-0
Proposal for QVNA to support vacant land legislation:  Passed 9-0