

Musselshell Valley Community Foundation (MVCF)
Monthly Board Meeting October 10, 2016
City Office, Roundup, MT

Board members present for the MVCF board meeting: Roberta Hagstrom, Monty Sealey, Bill Milton, Kelly Gebhardt, Linda Picchioni, and Jay Newell. Absent: Darcy Dutton, Mike Morgan, and Mark Rosebush. The meeting was opened at 6:39 pm by President Kelly Gebhardt. Guests: Stan Pisle of Swimmer's Forever

Guest Stan Pisle of Swimmers Forever spoke. The numbers from the initial engineering report were considered too vague by committee members. They are considering asking another engineering firm to submit a report. They have not spent their feasibility money yet. The board encouraged them to seek out a second opinion. Pisle retired from the meeting.

There were no additions to the agenda.

A **motion** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Berta; Bill 2nd; motion carried.

Financial Report: Jay presented the Treasurer's Report and Check Writer Report. Berta submitted a bill for RCP from Imagine that for \$51.00 for signage. Monty moved to pay the bills and accept the Treasurer's report. Berta Seconded. Motion carried.

Grants Committee: No report at this time.

Membership committee: **Newsletter**: Jay reported that we need a couple assigned articles ASAP. Linda asked if an article submitted by Theresa Doumitt informing the public on the progress of Save Central could be placed in the newsletter along with a photo or two of Central. Discussion followed on our relationship to that group. There is none, but RCP, in an attempt to keep the public informed of information regarding the historic structure, will be hosting a community coffee in the near future with the architect who submitted the feasibility report on Central. We were reminded to be careful for MVCF not to take a position on this project, but if it is for information for everyone to be aware of, we can allow the article. Jay will send Theresa's article to the board to review.

Website: Berta discussed the website. More input into FAQ is needed. Monty will send his notes. Linda asked if it would be possible to put a YouTube video of the young singer on the Community Stage who performed at Roundup Day could be put on website under Stage to create encourage ideas for utilizing the facility. Linda will get a waiver from her parents.

Bylaws: Next we discussed the review and corrections needed in the bylaws to bring it up to date with previous approved amendments, correct spelling errors and establishing consistency throughout the document of word usage. Monty sent the bylaws to us to review and submit other corrections that might be found. We will need to inform the membership of this special membership meeting to approve the corrected, updated bylaws. We will do this through the newsletter and vote on approving this corrected, updated version at the January meeting. In reviewing the bylaws, we noticed particular things we need to pay attention to, such as board members' dues need to be paid by the December meeting in order to vote at the January meeting, since January is technically the beginning of a new year. For members or anyone, memberships receiving after the October meeting go towards membership for the following year.

RIDE: The committee has secured the entertainment for next year. Bed of Roses, a Bon Jovi Tribute Band and Moe Bandy along with Mike & Monty, Jason Larson and another act will perform for RIDE.

A & C: no current report.

COMMUNITY STAGE: Monty & Mike are talking with a local business on fabricating the lighting hoist system. Hope to have a figure soon. Also, there is a need to block a prevailing southwest wind on the west side of the stage which distract performers. Discussion was held as to possible ideas. Monty reported that he was approached that a local group would like the stage to be named. It was decided that Roundup Community Stage encompasses everyone, and although this is a fine group, we are comfortable with the current name.

MCRT: Continue to work with one fire client. They are very grateful for the help they have received.

RCP: Berta reported that over \$31,000.00 have been received to develop a Master Plan. \$20 K came from the Montana Main Street Program and was the largest grant award they have ever given out. \$8 K came from Signal Peak and the City is providing a match of \$3 K. Discussion ensued on the importance of acting on the recommendations of the Plan. Even if we are able to only do 1 or 2 a year.

Work Plan: The date to fold, label and stamp the newsletter will be the November 14th meeting.

Board Planning: Bill asked about the board's opinion on moving forward with the Community Development Coordinator position, if the \$5,000.00 match is raised either through a grant or internally, will the board be open to looking for an applicant. Responses were that MVCF needs to be more aggressive in fundraising and hopefully the coordinator could help with that. We discussed different ways of raising the dollars for the position. The position would be contracted and everyone felt it needed to be a strong applicant. We need to be specific about the work we want them to accomplish, where we expect their efforts to go. Sustainability is a concern. In Helena at the MCF convening at the MNA convention, Bill talked to Jessica Stewert-Kuntz about MCF willingness to address the sustainability of the position with a multi-year, tiered step down award, and Stewert-Kuntz said they will discuss it.

Gebhardt adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Picchioni - Secretary