

Approved
PIE TOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 4, 2009
Pie Town Community Center Building

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chair, Sue Bolander, called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

ATTENDANCE:

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| Sue Bolander | Bob McClellan |
| Kenneth Bostick | John Hanrahan |
| Hal Huber | Ruth Hanrahan |
| Jeanine Huber | River |
| Freida Hutton | Kathy Knapp |
| Tucker McHugh | Nita Larronde |
| Bill Fustch | |

SECRETARY MINUTES: Jeanine Huber
Minutes of the regular meeting held September 16, 2009, were approved as written.

TREASURER REPORT: Hal Huber

Account Balances:

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| Checking | \$9,883.42 |
| Savings | 856.95 |
| Cash | <u>159.72</u> |
| Total | \$10,900.09 |

Income:

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| Coffee Fund | \$ 3.00 |
| Cookbooks | 300.00 |
| Vendors Fees | 50.00 |
| Center Rental | 30.00 |
| Concession Stand | <u>215.38</u> |
| Total | \$ 598.38 |

Expenses:

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| Furniture & Equipment | |
| Library Shelves | \$164.54 |
| Office Expenses | |
| Survey Copies and Postage | 133.51 |
| Charitable Donation | <u>250.00</u> |
| Total | \$548.05 |

Treasurer Report approved as presented. It was decided to call the charitable donations distributed *Benevolent Fund*.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Sue Bolander

1. Site visits in September: 2,600
81% for Pie Festival Site
Site Visits in October: 1,300
56% for Pie Festival Site
2. Linked Sites: 21
3. Business Ads on Site: 10
4. No new ads

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Secretary mailed out 223 questionnaires with survey questions related to Pie Festival 2009 and questions regarding future of the Pie Festival. Completed questionnaires are with Secretary records. Hopefully, the results of the survey can help next year's Council in planning for the Pie Festival.

Condensed version as follows:

- A. As of today, 22 completed questionnaires received = 10.1% of total mailed
- B. 68% attended the Pie Festival, 32% did not.
- C. Events by popularity:
 - (1) Vendors
 - (2) Baking Contest and Food
 - (3) Horse-drawn wagon
 - (4) Gunfighters
 - (5) Pie eating contest, kids games, singer
- D. 40% like the Pie Festival as it is; 23% would like it to go back to basics
- E. 31% feel it is possible to back to basics; 31% feel it is not possible
- F. 59% did volunteer work; 40% did not
- G. For the 2010 event:
 - (1) 63% said they would volunteer to help
 - (2) 8% said they would not help
 - (3) 18% said maybe
- H. Serving on the Community Council
 - (1) 13% said they would
 - (2) 81% said they would not
- I. 63% felt the festival brings the community together; 31% feels it does a little of both of bringing the community and not bringing the community together.
- J. Comments: Many comments were received and are with Secretary's files. Comments included:
 - (1) Need better vendors
 - (2) T-shirts and hat logos are unattractive and too expensive
 - (3) If you are drumming up money for Jackson park, how much does it cost to maintain it? (This type of comment was received frequently).
 - (4) The Community Center billboard and the whole Community Center looks like it hasn't had any funds applied (of the thousands of dollars you make) to it in years. (This type of comments was received frequently).
 - (5) Need more volunteers for Pie Festival. Too much work for too few people. Have individual assigned as chair of each event and have them responsible for finding the staff to work that event.
 - (6) The festival has gotten too large and is all about outsiders. I'd rather have a community event. It has turned into a commercial event. There was too little to identify

the festival as being unique to Pie Town. You can see flea markets and vendors anywhere.

(7) Need to use the money made at Pie Festival for more outreaching to the Community. Don't just use the money to buy something else for the next Pie Festival. The only thing the Council seems to focus on is the Pie Festival. Other year around projects need to be sponsored by the Council where the whole community benefits.

(8) The Pie Festival was a great success this year. Anything to generate interest and economy in this area is a help. Outside vendors should be welcome. It also shows tourist what a great area this is to visit, vacation, buy property and retire to.

2. Special Projects Chair, Ruth Hanrahan reported that four new shelving units will be put up tomorrow for the library. She has approximately 250 books that need to be placed on shelving.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On October 21st, Ken, Sue, River, and Hal, attended the Catron County Commission Meeting.
 - A. Spokesperson Ken stressed to the Commission the impact the Pie Festival has on the Community and surrounding areas.
 - B. The question of liability was discussed. Is the Council responsible for itself or does it fall under the umbrella of the County? Clarification was not established. The Council needs to find out this information from the County's risk manager.
 - C. County Manager, Bill Aymar and local Commissioner, Allen Lambert, did a site visit to the Community Council building. Mr. Aymar commented on the poor condition of the building and grounds. He will work on getting the County involved in making repairs/improvements.
 - D. Clarification was made on who actually owns the Community Center. The original deed was to the Community of Pie Town, but, because Pie Town is not incorporated, it belongs to the County.
 - E. Discussion was held on whether or not the PTCC should become a 503(C). This should be discussed and decided at a future PTCC meeting.
2. In response for volunteer(s) to empty trash at Jackson Park and the Community Center and clean and maintain Porta Potties at Jackson Park and clean Community Center, Tucker McHugh volunteered to do these duties for November and December. Hal and Jeanine had volunteered for September and October.
3. Discussion was held on possibility of using a cleaning service and/or exterminator service to help with the rodent and cleanliness issues of the Community Center. Groups using the building call weekly to complain of problems. Bob and Sue and Hal and Jeanine have put down rodent killer in an attempt to control the problem. Rodent droppings are found throughout the building. The group that uses the building on Tuesdays and frequently on Saturdays, asked if their donation could be used for cleaning or exterminator services.
 - A. Frieda Hutton expressed an interest in providing the cleaning service and will submit a proposal.
 - B. Jeanine will get in touch with Darlene Williams who has a cleaning service and ask for a proposal from her.
4. River asked if the Council was sponsoring a Christmas Dinner as was sometimes done in the past. After discussion, it was decided that the Council would not sponsor a dinner but would be available to help if another group or individual would organize it.

5. Acting Chairman, Sue Bolander asked if there was anyone interested in assuming the vacant Chair position. Tucker McHugh stated he would like to volunteer for that position. Mr. McHugh was elected by acclamation and assumed the duties of Chair at 5:00 pm. His term will run until March 2011.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 2nd at 4:00pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanine Huber, Secretary
