

Shaw Islanders, Inc. Board Meeting

09/07/04

Members present at the meeting: Vreni Borner, Carole Davis, Cyrus Field, Allison Lengyel, Roman Miller, Jane Nelson, Doris Oliver, Sandy Walker, Al Wilding, Willie Williams.

Absent and excused: Dorothy Powell, Mary Reeves, Chad Swanson.

Absent and unexcused: Del Laursen, Ron Woodard.

Meeting called to order at 4:04pm.

Last month's minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Willie Williams):

1. Monthly Report

Report of expenses and profit from 4th of July. To date we have spent \$14,109.12 out of total projected budget for 2004 of \$14,700.00; this means we have only about \$600 left for the remainder of the year. However, our actual income has exceeded our budgeted income by almost \$8,000 to date. This points to a need to revise the way we construct our future budgets.

2. Charles Schwab Account

The account has been closed and the funds temporarily reallocated to a money market account. Willie Williams and Cyrus Field will meet with Jon Christoffersen to discuss how the money will be diversified, potentially leaving \$20,000 in the money market for easy access, pending Jon's approval. Moved, seconded, and passed.

First VP Report (Doris Oliver):

1. Town Meeting

The Town Meeting was held August 14 and attended by approximately 60 people. Representatives of many island committees and clubs presented reports on their activities this year.

2. Candidates' Night

It is too late this year for the League of Women Voters to organize a forum on Shaw; there is a Lopez forum on October 14 at 6:30pm, for which we will post publicity on our kiosk. The League of Women Voters could videotape the forum and send it to us for showing at the community building. Another option is to ask the committee chairmen for the Democratic and Republican parties to organize a forum. Al Wilding, Republican Committee Chairman on Shaw, agreed to speak to Malcolm Lea, Democratic Committee Chairman on Shaw, to discuss this option.

3. Chilean Music—Jane Nelson

The program will be held September 30th (a Thursday night). We are still awaiting receipt of publicity materials. The evening will include singing, dancing, and flute. Admission by donation. Shaw, Inc. is contributing \$100.

4. Holiday Programs

Owner of the Chimera Gallery on Lopez has offered to put on a Christmas show on Shaw, a kind of Broadway musical. Stage Left has also offered their winter show, comprising one actor and one singer, based on the works of Dylan Thomas. More information will be solicited from each to determine the details and costs of their programs; scheduling of programs cannot interfere with school program, fellowship program, or Carole's party on December 18.

Second VP Report (Roman Miller):

1. Toilet

Janice Hokanson has noted that the low-flow toilets in the community building frequently clog up and are difficult to keep clean. Perhaps the problem is the pressure in the septic system. Roman agreed to meet with Janice to get more specific information about the timing and nature of problems.

2. Septic System

The septic system was pumped last fall and yet continues to be a problem. The installers of the septic system were reluctant to come to Shaw to look at the system. Specifically the pump seems to be running/pumping when nobody is using it; the septic field also smells. Board decided that we need an outside consultant, perhaps from Orcas Sewage, to troubleshoot and potentially overhaul the system.

Authorization for Roman Miller to spend up to \$500 on a consultation was moved, seconded, and approved.

Correspondence:

1.4H Request for Money

Tina Wyllie-Echeverria, general leader of the 4H Shaw Pioneers, sent Shaw, Inc. a letter detailing various costs for the coming year (see attached) and requesting a contribution to the Shaw 4H general fund. It was moved, seconded, and approved to donate \$150 towards fair entry fees for 4H participants. See attached a series of e-mails about soda pop sales at Shaw, Inc. sponsored events.

2.Wages for Building Cleaning and Yard work

Janice Hokanson has requested a raise from \$18 (raised from \$15 earlier this year) to \$21 an hour. Board moved, seconded, and approved a raise in hourly wages for both building cleaning and yard work to \$21 an hour.

3.Franciscan Nuns' Gift

Received a thank you from the Franciscan Nuns thank for the seven-course dinner at Genoa's in Portland, paid for by contributions from Shaw Islanders solicited by Shaw, Inc.

4.Stage Left, "Much Ado About Nothing"

Received a thank you from Stage Left for support of their summer program, "Much Ado About Nothing;" next summer's program will be "Othello."

5. Thank You

Sandy Walker agreed to send two letters of thanks for donations.

Building Use—Vreni Borner

1. Scheduling and Payment

The current sign-up and payment system for the building is not working. Currently, Vreni Borner's job is to keep track of who has paid building use fees, calling those who still need to pay, coordinating with Willie Williams who receives and deposits the fees. Vreni agreed to meet with Andy Schmidt, the building scheduler, to get up to date with building use and fees paid. Perhaps the job of keeping track of payment and the job of scheduling building use could be combined; the job of scheduling could also be coordinated or combined with the job of

publicizing events. Decision deferred to the next year's board.

Old Business:

1. Nominating Committee for New Board Members

Suggestions for committee include: Joyce Mansfield, Jerry Griffing, Ginny Wedgwood, Geb Nichols.

2. Possible New Members

Liz Stedman has offered to serve on the board. Carole Davis has a list of possible new board members to share with the nominating committee.

New Business:

1. 2005 Budget

Moved, seconded, and approved to accept the new budget as proposed (see attached).

2. Music Fund

Where has the money donated to the music fund gone? As recently as two years ago there was money in the fund, started after Clara Grippe died, to eventually purchase a new piano and to be spent on piano tuning. The money has not been tracked separately, but can be traced in the general fund.

3. By-Law Change

Wording of suggested by-law change, review of rationale for changing the by-law, review correspondence regarding the change (see attached). Board agreed to present Option 4, with changes, to a vote of the membership.

4. Shaw Landing

Shaw Landing has requested assistance from Shaw, Inc. possibly to include some kind of limited partnership of the groups. Discussion deferred to a later date.

5. Advertising in Index

Suggestion by Allison Lengyel to add a limited advertising section in the back of the Shaw, Inc. Directory and Index, featuring goods and services offered by residents of Shaw. Discussion deferred until next year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

