

Rim Communities Resource Network

May 11, 2016

Minutes

Attendees: Hannah Allen, Karen Burton, Roxanna Crumley, Emily Doherty, Sher Fairbanks, Paul Fournier, Angela Hill, Diane Nottingham, Neil Nottingham, Robin Oden, Christopher Opliger and Penny Shubnell.

Business:

Penny called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and welcomed the group.

Motion to approve the minutes from April was made and approved (Paul 1st, Roxanna 2nd).

Hannah reported that there was \$335 funds collected for RCRN to date. There was not a vote of acceptance of the financials.

D & O Insurance has been identified at a reasonable cost by Shelly Wimmer of Farmers Insurance. This is currently on hold until a nonprofit status has been granted.

Penny will pursue acquiring the nonprofit status using the 1023 EZ form. Work is in process.

KaBOOM! Playful City:

Recognition of the Rim Communities being identified as a Playful Community will be formally announced on May 18th. KaBOOM has asked that all announcements be held until that date. We look forward to (hopefully) a third straight year of this national designation.

The Imagination Playground opportunity is on hold until more information can be obtained regarding the true cost of maintaining the equipment prior to applying for this grant. It was suggested that someone look into public storage at both places in VOE and Crestline.

10 Minute Commercial:

Crest Forest Senior Citizens' Club, Inc. – Penny Shubnell

Penny stated that the Crest Forest Senior Citizens' Club, Inc. (CFSCC) was formed in December of 1959 and has been going strong ever since. This is a nonprofit 501 C 3 and a membership based organization. Members are eligible to join who are 50 years of age or older.

The mission statement for the Club is as follows:

The objectives of this organization shall be to form a membership organization in the interests of and for the benefit of the Senior Citizens of the Crest Forest Community, promote fellowship among all members, to bring them entertainment, to broaden their interests, to encourage their participation in useful cooperative efforts, to be concerned with their well-being and mindful of their welfare, ready and willing to extend a helpful hand when needed so that none may feel alone.

Programs for CFSCC include the Senior Nutrition Program which serves seniors a full 3 course hot dinner every Tuesday and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. This program was initiated in 2007 with a grant from the Department of Aging and Adult Services of the San Bernardino County through funding from the Older Americans Act. It serves over 6,000 meals a year for seniors. The program offers presentations to the seniors on nutrition 4 times a year and many different speakers on topics of interest to seniors. It is an inviting social event with music and fun activities. For many seniors this is the only social event they participate in during a week timeframe. Many take half their meals home for an additional meal. This program has served over 500 different seniors over the years. Grants and donations are secured to keep this program running.

A second program CFSCC offers to our home bound seniors is a Transportation Program which is handled through Mountain Transit's Dial-a-Ride program at no cost to the seniors. They make their own travel arrangements to and from using a Voucher which is provided by CFSCC. This program has gotten many seniors out of their homes and out and about where they would otherwise not have this opportunity. CFSCC funds this program.

Other activities offered by CFSCC include: Yoga, PEARLS put on by RFS, Zumba Gold exercise classes, paint classes, Dominoes, cards and board games, Ukulele classes, bowling etc. Classes and activities are offered as mentors or instructors become available.

CFSCC is housed at Leisure Shores which is a County owned facility. We rent out the facility to Mountain of Promise on a weekly basis and the facility is available for weddings, seminars, parties, family gatherings etc. for a nominal fee. Nonprofits may use the facility once a month for 4 hours at no cost.

CFSCC is sustained by the Thrift Store in Top Town. The store is owned outright by CFSCC and is the main source of income for the Club. The store accepts donations from the public and handles clothes, furniture, kitchen accessories, books and much, much more. See flyer for more information.

CFSCC is recognized as an organization who gives back to the community in different ways. We have donated to Rebuilding Together, Mountain Little League, Rim High School Scholarships, Rim Education Foundation and many more over the years. It is an organization who has participated in community events such as Jamboree Day Parade, RCRN Health & Resource Fair, the Community Picnic and other events.

Anyone wishing to join the Club only needs to call the office at 338-5036.

Future 10 Minute Commercials:

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June – Crestline Head Start

July – Mountain Pregnancy

Collaborative Planning

There have been no Collaborative Planning Sub-Committee Meetings and need to schedule the next meeting soon. We should be able to pick up on the meetings again after May 21st.

There were no new suggestions for future speakers at this time.

Committee Reports:

Health and Resource Fair – May 21st, 2016

This day is also Armed Forces Day hence our tag line: “Saluting Good Health”.

Next Planning meetings are set for Fridays, May 13th & 20th, at the Boys & Girls Club at 9 am.

Two banners have been created and are now hung. The three sponsor’s banners have been created and will be hung near the Information Booth the day of the event.

32 vendor applications have been received for the Fair with a few more coming in still. Medical screenings will be held in the Library by the Regal Medical Group, Tri-State Medical, Lake Gregory Pharmacy, Dr Bialecki and Dr Kohtz.

Web Site & Facebook

Groups that have presented their 10 minute commercial are asked to forward their information to Chris Barrett to be added to the RCRN web site for the Community Spotlight page. Each of the RCRN members needs to become more active with our web site development by providing the information in documents ready to be added to the web site.

This is extremely important right now due to the fact that our 4th Annual Health & Resource Fair is right around the corner.

Website - www.rcrn.net please check it out.

Chris has created a Facebook account. Please check it out and share to all your friends especially for the Health & Resource Fair coming up right around the corner:

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/Rim-Communities-Health-and-Resource-Fair>

Organizational Announcements

Paul – reported that the Crestline First Baptist will offer a series on financial management on Wednesdays for 9 weeks from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Light dinner and child care will be available. Contact Paul at Mountain Counseling and Training for more information.

He discussed the opportunity to attend a special event by the Hafif Family Foundation for a “Concert Under the Stars” on July 16th from 5 pm to 10 pm. It will be held on the 150 acre estate of Herb & Kay Hafif. Purchased tickets will allow entry as well as the address. Price is \$100.00

Lastly Paul discussed an upcoming conference by IECC on sustainability of 501 C 3’s. Conference will be on October 7th. Cost is \$100.00. More information will follow.

Chris O. – reported Family Service Agency has served 154 families. He discussed the changes in food stamps. They have acquired a commercial refrigerator. They have offices in Adelanto and Running Springs.

Sher - reported there are low income grants available for fuel removal for those that have been cited. Mountain Fire Safe Council is looking for a demo lot.

She also spoke about the upcoming Book Sale on Memorial weekend on Saturday, May 28th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Crestline Library.

Angela – reported that the Lake Arrowhead Library will also have a Book Sale on May 28th from 8 am to 3 pm. Special sales for members of the Friends of the Library will be from 7 am to 8 am. She said there will be a special section of signed books for sale as well.

Emily – reported the Rim Communities for Youth Coalition had a meeting yesterday which is run by the students themselves. Rim Youth Coalition is also working to start the same at the middle school level with a concentration of addressing drug and alcohol free lives. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12 pm at the middle school. All are welcome.

Diane – reported on Rebuilding Together and the criteria for being a recipient for the work as being: must own their home and have been in it for at least 2 years, have insurance and be of low income. 6 home owners were helped this year with literally hundreds of volunteers going out on a chilly, rainy day to help and truly rebuild together. Angela Hill made a film of the day’s proceedings with interviews of the volunteers and home owners.

Neil – stated that Crestline Communities Development Alliance (CCDA) has been in existence for 22 years. CCDA has helped keep the town clean, put in benches and trash receptacles, signs and much more. He said that a group meets every 2nd Saturday at 9 am at the Goodwin’s Market for cleanup. It usually takes only about an hour.

Neal also discussed how we have created a nation of entitlement and our young families expect too much without giving. Handouts is not the way to teach our kids and he would be willing to work with kids to teach how it is better to work for what you get and how much more things would be appreciated vs. just giving a handout.

Karen – spoke about her “Saturday Night Live” community event coming up on May 14th with a potluck from 5-6 pm, 6-9 pm Improv and 9-10 pm dessert time. This is an opportunity for all to get involved and have some fun, laugh and just live. Details are available by calling Karen.

Hannah – stated that Hearts and Lives donated money to homeless services for example St Richards. There were 9 homeless that they could not place. They have prepared duffle bags with personal care items as giveaways such as shaving cream, cleaning wipes to use without water etc. Bags are separated for men and women. They have engaged with Abundant Harvest with their organic foods as well. Lastly, Hearts and Lives have been conducting disaster drills.

Penny - reported that Crest Forest Senior Citizens’ Club will have another e-waste on September 17th & 18th and asked all to save their old TV’s, printers, and any other electronic waste.

The next 10 minute commercial will be by Crestline Headstart by Glenda at the June meeting.

Evaluations were collected and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Penny Shubnell.