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Poudre Learning Center Board Meeting Minutes

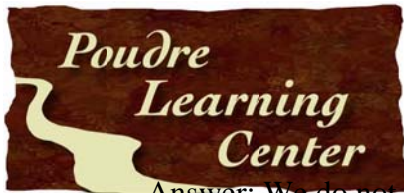
Those in attendance were: Kathy Parker, Jay Tapia, Tim Unrein, Bill Hoyt, Ray Tschillard, Paulette Weaver, and Tammy Rusch.

Discussion and Action Items:

What are the guidelines for those requesting the use of the Poudre Learning Center?

- Question's raised during the discussion:
 - Where do we draw the line for use of the PLC?
 - Must be an educational event.
 - Staff availability, there must be a staff member present anytime a group is here.
 - The PLC is/was community funded.
 - Long term future support, community awareness.
 - Educate community on environmental awareness.
 - Can we do this on a trial basis?
 - What are the consequences down the road in allowing more community request?
 - Tim and Jay commented on the large number of request to use school buildings. Their respective schools are open from 6 am to 10:00 pm seven days a week for a nominal charge. It presents problems scheduling, staffing for events and cleaning. It is a concern that the number of request will soon outgrow the resources of the PLC.
- PLC staff will draft a document outlining the criteria of using the Poudre Learning Center to present to the board during the May meeting.
- *Faith Lutheran Summer Workshop - Western Weld E.L.C.A Parish*

A group of 6 area churches are requesting the use of the Brown Amphitheater for evening services once a month over the summer. Their goal is to find a centralized outdoor location to bring different church members together. The service will last for one – hour with no need of the indoor facilities. Two area pastors presented their request to the board in person. (See attached letter to the board). Pro's and Con's were discussed by the board before and after the presentation.
- Questions asked of pastor's?
 - How many people do you expect?
Answer: This is a new project and we are guessing at 75 members.
 - How do you plan to advertise?
Answer: Advertising has not been discussed yet. The service will be advertised through the participating congregations and possibly through newspapers.
 - How will you establish guidelines while at the PLC?
Answer: Ushers will be available to keep participants on the trails and out of designated areas. Stewardship is discussed within congregations.
 - How will you handle the accessibility needs?



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Answer: We do not expect to have many needs, if needed there are, we will rely on participants.

This is prime mosquito time?

Response: Maybe a community mosquito spray basket.

Internship proposal

- Ray requested that we look into hiring an intern over the summer months as caretaker. The PLC staff can no longer keep up with the up-keep of the center. Duties would include watering trees and plants, weeding and general maintenance not currently being addressed by school district maintenance.
- Staffing would begin in early spring and continue through fall.
- Tim Unrein will look into the possibility of funding.

Donations

- The question was raised by Ray on how to handle monetary donations received. We are currently depositing funds with the Community Foundation. The Community Foundation charges a percentage for using their agency.
- Tammy Rusch will check with Meggan Sponsler from District 6 to examine the possibility of using an existing account that will make the funds available year round. Tim Unrein stated that it may be possible to set-up an activity fund through one of the other district if needed.

Reports

Sensory Garden

- Paulette reported on the progress of the Sensory Garden. Landscaping expert, Lorraine Seger has completed designs for the Sensory Garden and surrounding gardens. The Sensory Garden plans were submitted to the Weld Women's Sertoma group last week for review of donations for completing the project. We have not received official word to date. See attached documents for timeline, cost estimates and description preliminary plans.

Hertzke Trees

- In total we have received almost 100 large trees from the Bill Hertzke farms. There re 75 Austrian Pine, 10 Ponderosa Pine, 3 Bristlecone Pine and 5 Blue Spruce. All the tress except one that was transplanted last summer has survived and is in good shape. Several more were moved in this spring. It is estimated that with the tree, planting, staking, fertilizing and spraying comes to approximately \$500 per tree.
- Kathy Parker raised the question of how we would recognize the Hertzke family for the donation. Paulette also pointed out that the recognition of the statuary for the sensory garden also needs recognition.

Teacher in Residence

- Ray reported that the TiR was still in the approval process at District 6. The approval process should be complete in May. The Teacher in Residence will come on board in August and will be expected to attend professional development this summer.

Barn/Observatory

- Dr. Bill Hoyt has taken the lead on the barn/observatory. UNC, CSU, AIMs Community College and Front Range Community College have all come together to make this happen. The silo attached to the barn will house a remote access telescope and a planetarium for local use. Grants funding this project are due in August. Construction will take up to 18 months to complete.



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El Espejo

- Yeni Garcia has put together a week-long summer institute for areas girls recommended through local teachers and after school programs. Yeni has applied for a Littler grant and a Kroger grant to help fund this institute we haven't received final word on either grant. The funds, if granted, will purchase items that will help sustain the project for many years. See the attached flyer, application and report from Yeni on this exciting project.

Office Furniture Donation

Donna Cable former secretary to William Southard donated several period oak desks, a tall oak file cabinet, conference table and several other smaller item to the PLC. The desk once belonged to Judge Charles Southard, a founding father of Greeley and the University of Northern Colorado. Donna attended the Hazelton School.

Other Business

Next PLC Board Meeting May 28, at 7:30 am