## THURSDAY, April 3, 2025 | 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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| Attendees: | Susie Jones, President  Michelle Bell, Vice President  Deirdre Mueller, Treasurer  Mara Feeney, Secretary | Barbara Reilly, Director  Bob Hines, Director | **Start time: 4:35 pm**  **End time: 6:02 pm** |
| Location: | 14445 Fiddletown Road, Fiddletown CA | | |

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| **Topic** | **Reports/Discussion** | **Presented By** |
| Approve Minutes | Board Meeting Minutes for March - Moved by Deirdre, seconded by Barbara. Approved by Board. | Mara |
|  | Bingo Schedule: April 9, June 11 and October 8. Susie and Barb are cooking for the April 9 Bingo. We'll fire up the popcorn machine and charge $2/bag for hot popcorn. Doors open 4:45 pm. | Susie |
| Stitch 'N Bitch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 11:00-12:30  Book Club – 4th Thursday from 6:00-7:30. Initial meetings of both groups successful. Lots of enthusiasm, and we expect both activities to draw more participants moving forward. It's nice to have the library used more for such positive community activities. | Mara |
| Pancake Breakfast – Recap: The breakfast was a financial success and received lots of positive feedback from participants. Several asked that we do it more frequently; several suggested we should increase prices. All appreciated the cool, fiddle-themed aprons Barb made and contributed. Susie ordered more so we will have them for future events. Bob recommended we thoroughly clean the stove/griddle prior to next event. | Susie |
| Bob confirmed these future concerts (with more to come):   * Dirty Cello on April 4th - Mara & Susie to cover door * Pi Jacobs on April 17th - Steve & Susie to cover door * Richard Smith on June 6th - Michelle & Barb to cover door * Alice Wallace Band June 15th * Anya Hinkle with Billy Cardine - Sept 25th | Bob |
| There will be a Neighborhood Watch informational meeting in the hall on Friday, April 11 at 6-7 pm, with Sergeant Casey Wilson presenting. Deirdre will be away so Mara will open the doors at 5:30 and introduce him. Bob offered recording services if needed. | Deirdre |
| Second Town Hall is scheduled for May 31st - OES/FNRW group in charge and group will be serving pulled pork sandwiches after, to stay or to go. | Deirdre |
| Burn your own! June 7from 4:30-7:00.   * Rib eye steak (have some purchased) * Swingle chicken sausage * 3 salads, beans and dessert. * Beer, wine and beverages for purchase. * Prices: $22 advance purchase for adults, $12 kids and 3 and under free. Our goal is to have 75 attendees. * Hang banner around 4-15-25 and start advertising on FB and ND. Susie to send flyer to Kayla, * Music – Javi to DJ. Music suggestions for him - classic rock and modern country. | Susie & Deirdre |
| Fiddlers’ Jam, Sept. 20th **-** Bluegrass Festival at the Plymouth Fairgrounds from the 18th-21st. Austin working on music. Shuttle contract signed this week. Will discuss more in depth after Burn Your Own.  Kristen and Poli considering donating expensive photo equipment to make creative 4" x 6" photos, could use for Jam. Susie to meet with for more details. | Susie & Deirdre |
|  | We applied for the Lowe’s Hometown Grant on January 30th. We were not chosen for next phase. Will re-apply next year.  Also, applied for the Jackson Rancheria Grant on 3-4-25. Should hear back by end of April. | Susie |
|  | Fiddle Maintenance – Fiddle to be repainted, this Spring. Waiting on date from Erik. Fiddle will continue to be maintained (strings tightened, etc.) in Spring and right before Fiddlers' Jam every year. Once the fiddle is down for maintenance, we'll replace the rotten roof over the porch, same metal roofing material on top. | Susie |
| Building andMaintenance | Kent has replaced panel and most of outlets in the kitchen, along with 3 new outlets in kitchen. He will continue with other areas as time permits over the next several weeks. Parts ordered for Library heater but delivery has been delayed. Hoping to receive them this week.  Lights – we have purchased and received the new LED overhead lights for the main hall. Will schedule a date with Kent to install them. | Susie & Deirdre |
| Roadmap for Hall Improvements - Discussed planned improvements for 2025. Kitchen roof repairs and silicon coating to happen this summer. Deirdre made a motion to approve a budget of up to $3,000 for this work. Barb seconded; Board approved unanimously. Once this work is done, we will have gutters installed along the east side of the building. This should greatly improve drainage in that area and mud under the building.  Susie will soon be ordering over 100 new padded chairs to replace some of our old beat-up metal chairs, along with rolling racks to facilitate moving and stacking them.  Next priority will be replacing the old aluminum electrical system in the west wall...Other projects likely will be pushed to 2026. | Susie & Deirdre |
| Library - open now the 2nd and 4th Thursday from 4:00-5:30. Susie proposes we put up a form of “Little Library” on the front porch. She identified an appropriate steel cabinet available for $130. Mara to discuss with library volunteers and report back. | Susie |
| Board Business | Treasurer’s Report: Deirdre reported our finances are in good shape, with around $51,000 in our EDS account. However, insurance and utilities alone now cost us around $18,000 each year, so we need to budget for that. And there are continually unexpected maintenance need requirements! In addition, next year will be our 75th anniversary and the beefed-up celebration will incur additional expenses, e.g. 2 shuttle buses vs 1, special T-shirts, a headline band, etc. so need to be prepared for that. | Deirdre |
|  | Fiddletown Neighborhood Radio Watch (FNRW) Program will actively participate in May 31 Town Hall event (see above) | Deirdre |
|  | Fiddletown Pickleheads is organizing a park cleanup day on Saturday, May 17 starting 10 am. Brian Oneto is bringing his chipper; volunteers to bring clippers, rakes, gloves, weed whackers. Event will be advertised in our monthly newsletter. Pickleheads to provide morning refreshments (e.g. donuts, coffee). FCC would like to support this event. We already plan to purchase a new hot dog cooker. Bob moved, Deirdre seconded purchasing it soon (so we can test it May 17) and contributing an ice chest of water and sodas to the event. Board approved unanimously. | Mara |
| Communication and Marketing | Newsletter: Board thanked Deirdre for her outstanding work on our high quality monthly newsletter which is received very positively by all who get it (now over 600 subscribers). | Deirdre |
| Steve (and Elaine Zorbas from Fiddletown Preservation Society) have been volunteering time in the county archives and have unearthed lots of interesting historic photos of Fiddletown and even a rare good one of Irving Ostrom. The are contemplating putting together a slide show. Could show it on a special occasion at the hall, or have it running continuously at our potluck Thanksgiving. This suggestion was met with enthusiasm. |  |
| Social media: ongoing | Susie Jones |
| Website: ongoing | Deirdre Mueller |