DRAFT MINUTES FROM FIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEETING ON May 2, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. In attendance were: Susie Jones, Deirdre Mueller, Steve Jones, Mara Feeney, and Barbara Reilly. Kent Oster attended as a guest.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 3 meeting was made by Deirdre, seconded by Barbara, and unanimously approved.

Our next Bingo will be held on June 11. Lin to make signs; Barbara making Chinese Chicken Salad.

Another Bingo night is planned for October 8.

More events are happening in the FCC library space. Stitch 'N Bitch (1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11-12:30) and Book Club (4th Thursday, 5:00-6:30 pm) both have growing and enthusiastic attendance.

Regular library hours advertised as 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 4-5:30 pm. Second opening in April had to be canceled, due to a sudden change in riding stable class schedule, so Maisey was unable to attend. Library steering group agreed that we cannot count on Maisey being librarian until she obtains her drivers license (she has learner permit now) and can commit to getting herself there on a routine basis, without depending on others for a ride. Carolyn expressed interest in hosting a library Open House on June 7, when many people will be around town for the Flea Market and BBQ events. She has also expressed interest in using 5th Thursdays (in those months when they occur) for special events like a Chat and Chew, aimed at getting seniors into the library for socializing. The Board declined to approve either activity at this time. There is too much going on June 7 already, and no additional events in the library until volunteers can demonstrate that they can reliably open during the two currently-advertised time slots. If they want to sponsor an Open House or Chat 'N Chew, they can use one of the existing times for such events. We can revisit later, after they establish a better track record on follow-through.

Bob Hines Concerts: Slocum Ramblers (Canadian Bluegrass group) slated for May 23. Other concerts scheduled include Richard Smith on June 6, Alice Wallace Band on June 15, and Anya Hinkle on September 25. FCC had planned some sort of dance event for October, but Bob says a group called Wake the Dead (Grateful Dead music with a Celtic tone!) is available October 10, so the Board decided to do that instead of the dance party.

Second Town Hall is scheduled for May 31st. This one to be co-hosted by FNRW and OES. Sue Cowan and Bob Kleinbrahm presenting for FNRW; Sgt Matthew Girton representing OES. Afterwards, FNRW will be selling pulled pork sandwiches for lunch (to eat in the hall or take away). Deirdre will away May 31, so Kent (with help from Mara) will assist FNRW volunteers set up and find their way around the kitchen.

Florence Chilton is in charge of the community-wide Flea Market event on June 7. The Burn Your Own event will take place later the same day at our Fire Hall, with volunteer firemen manning the grill, as well as volunteering to move tables and chairs from the hall to the fire station (and back). Deirdre and Susie to met with Kayla Dayle to work out logistics. Javi Dillen will provide DJ services, playing a mix of classic rock and country songs. Lin prepared a menu. Much of the meat has been ordered, the banner is up, and ticket sales have begun.

We discussed the Fiddlers' Jam briefly. No Parking/Fire Lane signs (referencing code section) have been ordered to post along Jibboom. AFPD has agreed to enforce. Susie also ordered a couple of Detour signs. Letters to go out soon to vendors and volunteers. We'll discuss the Jam further after our June 7 events. Barbara noted that she tried out the new popcorn machine at the last Bingo event and sales were brisk. She suggested we sell popcorn at the Jam, too.

No word on Jackson Rancheria Grant submitted in March. Not looking likely.

The fiddle over our FCC entrance will be repainted soon. Erik is hoping to pull it down in June. This year, we plan to replace the roof over the entrance while the fiddle is down--to stop the leaking and make it more solid (now simply sheet metal roofing over wood frame, no plywood). Fiddle will continue to be maintained annually (in Spring and before September Jam).

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. Inspector came out and approved the work.

Kent and colleagues installed all 5 rows of new LED lights in hall and one row in the kitchen. Super bright light now, with some dimmer switches installed and more to come. Will continue as time permits. New lights have been installed in the Library--much appreciated by Stitch 'N Bitch and Book Club participants.

Perforated corrugated drain successfully installed by Deirdre and Mara (and helper) along east side of building, draining excess water into the creek. When roof repair is completed this summer and new gutters added, these will be tied into this drain line.

Kent, Deirdre and Susie put together the new chair racks, hung new chairs on the racks, and sorted out the old chairs for which ones to keep. Deirdre to paint new floor area in main hall and install baseboards.

Deirdre presented the Treasurer's Report and noted that our typical operating expenses have been climbing steadily over time and are now up to around $2,000 per month to keep the lights on and the insurance paid.

The Fiddletown Pickleball group is planning a park cleanup day on Saturday, May 17. Brian Oneto is bringing his commercial chipper; other volunteers bringing pickup trucks, trailers, clippers, pole saws, gloves and rakes. Event advertised in our monthly newsletter. Pickleheads bringing snacks and water. FCC donating soft drinks, sodas, use of our new hot dog cooker, hot dogs, buns, and condiments.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.