

## Alma Foundation Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2017

1. Call to Order: Meeting is called to order at 6:10.

Present: Andrew, Bonnie, Maggie, Mark, Megan, Minette, Nancy W., Remi

Absent: No one

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Mark, second by Andrew. All Ayes.
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. November: Megan motions to approve, Remi seconds. All Ayes.
  - b. December: December meeting was canceled due to holiday travel by most of the Board. Andrew, Mark, Nancy W. and Remi met at the Saloon to solidify Murder Mystery plans.
4. Treasurer's Report: Mark went over the year-end financials. A Rev 1 was sent out with two small corrections. Nancy C. would like for Mark to take a look at the numbers for last year's Murder Mystery. Mark will do so and issue a Rev 2 if necessary. Minette motions to accept the Treasurer's Report contingent upon a possible revision. Remi seconds; motion is approved unanimously.
5. Murder Mystery Recap: Nancy C.: Bar netted \$211, 40 people attended. Issue: volunteer time. Maggie brings up the issue of flyers. We need to get them out sooner. It did not appear on Facebook until five days before the event. Tim B. will get them on our website and on Facebook as soon as the flyers are sent out.
6. Event Planning: Thai One On
  - a. Food Pickup: The Town has a van for this purpose. Mark & Nancy W. volunteer to pick up. Food needs to be back by 5:30. Perhaps Tim Z. will arrange for the chaffing dishes. Jana, Jara's mom has some. Andrew will check on his sources.
  - b. Flyers: Nancy has the flyers ready to go.
  - c. Menu: Spring Roll, Satay Chicken, TomKaGai (soup), Pad Thai, Green Veggie Currie, Steamed and Fried rice, sautéed chicken, coconut soup, mixed veggies, green curry (make it veggie), No Bangkok shrimp (too complicated), Beef Hot Basil (just a little because too few people eat it), ½ pan Mixed Veggies, sesame balls, Pork Pad Thai. No dessert; it only goes to waste.
  - d. Setup is minimal; if anyone wants to decorate, drop by. We need volunteers for cleanup. That is not a huge ordeal. Samantha, Maggie and Mark volunteer for cleanup.

- e. We should present a trophy. Mark and Nancy W. will try to pick one up in Buena Vista.
7. Bingo:
- a. Minette: We need a new sign. Signs are \$250 in Breck. Remi: Maybe Bingo has run its course. Perhaps we should do this four times a year, make it special. Announce it and promote it.
  - b. Bonnie: we should promote this at the school since it is about scholarship.
  - c. Remi: we have promoted it everywhere, it does not matter; the same group of people show up.
  - d. General Discussion: Perhaps we should put it on hold for a year. We could replace it with a community pot luck. Minette will email signage info. Info is pre-printed. Andrew motions to spend up to \$600 dollars for such signs, pending further investigation. Bonnie seconds. We will address this again at the next meeting. Nancy motions to postpone bingo until further notice; Andrew suggest Monday for the date since the Saloon is closed. Nancy: Let's do it on the third Monday of every month. Megan motions to put bingo on hold, make pot luck on the third Monday, Andrew seconds. Motion passes. Do we still do scholarships? Nancy W. : do we put out a jar for scholarships". Bonnie motions for two \$1000 scholarships. Megan seconds. Andrew motions to reduce to two at \$500; Maggie seconds. Motion fails.
8. Phone Messages: None
9. Community Comment:
- a. Andrew: There is a dance studio for kids at Stone Church. Rent is high. In the idea of fostering community, we should talk to some dance, yoga, etc. instructors about using the Church for perhaps, adult dance classes. Nancy C.: this is not an Alma Foundation function, it belongs to the town. Nancy C.: the Foundation should attend the Town Hall meetings to discuss these kinds of issues. "Cross polinization". Andrew: Let's put this on the agenda for next AF meeting."
  - b. Bonnie: The triangle lot at CR 10 is for sale. Would the Foundation be interested in purchasing this land?" Nancy C.: We only purchase land through grants. Look at the current GOCO grant, but we are in for \$320K for Riverwalk. We need to look at GOCO grant schedule. Bonnie: We need an asking price (should be around \$50K). Nancy: We need 10-50% matching for GOCO grant.
  - c. Tim Balough: Web site. Ownership of web site should be transferred to the Foundation through the debit card. Tim: Mark should take over the website; Tim will help. Mark motions to move the website ownership to the Foundation and

Mark, along with Tim's help, will take over maintenance. Nancy W. seconds. All ayes; no opposition.

- d. Tim: We need signs that say "This project brought to you by the Alma Foundation"; include website. We need more advertisement. Let's look at this in conjunction with the signs.

#### 10. Ongoing Activities Discussion

- a. Clesson's Cabin: Mark is frustrated with lack of response from contractors, especially Adam Hughes.
- b. Ladies Aide Hall: Nancy C.: we were awarded \$5,000 for the design work. An estimate of \$64,000 was given for this work. Mark: That is a ridiculously high price. Nancy C.: I will put out an RFP. NHA Grant is due in March.
- c. Riverwalk: Nancy C.: There is nothing new to report. The grant decision is to be made in April.
- d. Nancy C.: Our Community Health Centers need a non-profit to assist. This discussion will be addressed at the next meeting.

#### 11. Officers' Reports

- a. Mark: Email list - look at my email list and email me additions. I think mine is pretty complete, so please copy mine into your group so that responses to my emails go out to everyone I emailed.
- b. Minette: Keep the meetings shorter!
- c. Andrew: Need to tighten up conversation. (Secretary's note: "Focus")
- d. Remi: Remington announces his resignation, necessary because he will be moving to Portland. His advice before resigning: "Don't lose sight of what we are about. Stick with events that people are interested in and drop events that they are not interested in.
- e. Samantha Jager offers to join the Board. Mark motions; Maggie seconds; all Ayes. Welcome Samantha!

- 12. Adjournment: Mark motions to adjourn at 8:16; Maggie seconds. Tim B.: Executive Director position is open. Mark: postpone discussion until next meeting.