

Willard Community Center
Board Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2017

Attendance: Irene Williams, Kassy Knudson, Mitch Critel, Johanna Hannemann, Michele Lueders, Emily Phelps, Sherry Moore, Macduff Okuom, and Sara Sayre.

Members absent: Joey Mumaugh, Justin Pflanz, and Lyle Wheeler.

Also in attendance: Janelle Soderling

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

There was no consent agenda as there were no minutes from the building tour in October and there were no financials completed by the accountant.

Ms. Williams told the board of the resignation of Mr. Cole Pomeroy. His letter of resignation was passed around to the board members. Ms. Knudson made the motion to approve his resignation. Ms. Phelps seconds. Motion carried.

Ms. Knudson gave an update about the Capital Campaign Committee. Ms. Kathy LeBaron, committee chair, has sent out letters of permission to apply for additional funding. She will ask the Peter Kiewit Foundation for an additional \$75,000.00. The committee is trying to close up the last of the needed renovation funds.

Ms. Williams gave an update on the campus concept with Willard Community Center, Mourning Hope and Parks and Recreation. The plan is moving along quickly with much support. Mourning Hope has to raise all of their funding for their proposed building to be located where the City Park Playground is currently. They hope to build a facility that will look like a house with a big wrap around porch. Community Health Endowment will help them with the land deal with the City so that they can possibly add more square footage to their building. An Open House will be held at Roper Elementary School on Dec. 5th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm so the public can see what is planned for the campus. The goal is to be able to provide complimentary services such as yoga, counseling and other possible revenue sharing programs and classes.

The City has agreed to let us share and enlarge the south parking lot with Mourning Hope. This will save us the expense of paving the alley and pouring a new parking lot on the west side of our building with the required screening, which would have cost \$54,000. The new proposed parking lot drawing will only cost \$33,000 so we will have \$21,000 to use for other expenses. Willard has to have 25 parking stalls so our architect is working with the City to get approval to add 2 more stalls to the current proposed parking lot drawing. If this doesn't pass we might still have to add 2 more stalls on the west side. Community Health Endowment will pay for the land that we will use for the parking. The risk is if we build the big parking lot and then Mourning Hope doesn't raise enough money to build we will be left with all of the expense. We will do a temporary agreement between Willard, MH and the City so that the parking lot will be completed when we open our doors.

Ms. Williams informed the board that she had sat down with Sarah and Janelle to discuss the furniture needs of the building. Eakes had given us an estimate of \$50,000 and we will need to trim that down. Ms. Williams will continue to work on this.

Ms. Sayre gave a report on the West A Street Improvement Projects. There will be two phases. Phase One will begin about 2020 and will be on A Street from Folsom to Coddington. Phase two will begin about 2021 and will be from Coddington to SW 40th Street. There will be roundabouts at Folsom, Coddington, SW 24th, SW 27th and SW 31st Streets. Phase One could be happening during the construction of Mourning Hope. They will be doing sewer work to help with flooding issues. There will be three lanes with the center for the turning lane. They are also doing a walking and bike path from Coddington to SW 40th St. More info can be found at Lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: west A.

Ms. Williams informed the board that with Mr. Pomeroy's resignation we were in need of a secretary. No one volunteered. Ms. Williams nominated Mr. Wheeler for the position. Ms. Knudson second the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams told the board that a new employee, Danielle Jurgens, has been hired as the Advancement & Child Care Assistant Director. She comes from Friendship home where she was the volunteer coordinator and also helped with their fund raising events. Her job will consist of writing operational grants, fund raising, and assisting Sarah with child care staff scheduling, hiring, training, etc.

Ms. Williams will be having a discussion with our accountant and will have the financials at the next board meeting to be held on Dec. 18th.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next Board Meeting will be held on January 29th at 5:30 pm.