

Marine Education Center Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes, July 20, 2018

Attending: Peter Linderoth, Katherine Desmond, Sarah Evans, Leon Potok, Sunny Goldberg, Kyle Troy, Phil Horner, Rob Yamuder, Helen Rafferty (via phone). Mayor Tom Murphy attended the second half of the meeting.

Not attending: June Ottinger

Minutes: The minutes of the June 12, 2108 meeting were approved with the following addition: The MEC Advisory Committee once again requests that Kyle Troy send her monthly report directly to the committee members.

Kyle Troy's Report:

The tanks lost power on July 19th and so most of the marine creatures perished. The committee discussed ways to prevent this type of event happening in the future. Possibilities such as installing a generator and/or a Cat 5 Hurricane Aerator were mentioned.

Rob Yamuder informed the committee that the village will quarterback the response to an emergency situation like this one at the MEC. Kyle is on the contact list and will be kept informed of any incidents that occur at the Center. According to Rob there is money available to correct this problem in the village's budget. He also said the Fire Department has extra generators. Peter Linderoth said House of Fins should be consulted about solutions for power failures, both for the immediate situation and again in November when the tanks are drained for the winter.

A set of steps for response to a power outage at the Center will be formalized and shared with the committee.

Peter Linderoth thanked Kyle for sending her detailed monthly report on the Center to the Advisory Committee.

Peter also asked Kyle to keep track of the number of monthly visitors to the Center – a clicker should do the job.

Artwork on the exterior of the MEC Building:

The idea of adding artwork to the exterior of the MEC was once again discussed. The committee is divided on what is the best alternative for the addition of art to the building.

Leon reported that he asked the Arts Council if they would run a yearly art exhibition and/or contest that would feature the work of local artists being temporarily displayed on or in the Center (the alternative suggested by architectural advisor George Schieferdecker) but the Council was not interested

in taking that project on. Leon Potok had sample murals painted by the artist Marie McNicholas. These were discussed by the committee. A vote was taken - the committee is evenly split between members who support painting an artwork directly on the building's exterior and members who oppose this approach.

Fund Raising/Public Relations:

Kyle Troy will create a "Wish List" of large items that the MEC would benefit from receiving.

The committee should reach out to local real estate brokers and request that MEC brochures be included in the Information packets for new homeowners in the area.

Other Business:

Sunny Goldberg requested that the dumpster and vending machines that currently block the MEC be moved farther away from the Center.

Mayor Murphy complimented Kyle Troy on the wonderful job she has been doing at the Center.

The of the MEC Advisory Committee will be on August 9th at 4pm.next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

Submitted by Helen Rafferty