

March 15, 2013

Highlights: Delegate Ron Walters presented \$50,000 to Sissonville VFD, update on Sissonville Public Library funding; discussion of this year's potential grants and more. Complete details below.

Greater Sissonville Development Council Minutes

Sissonville Public Library
Monday, March 11, 2013

Meeting started: **5:05 pm**

The meeting was called to order by President, **Johnnie Brown**.

Attending: **Johnnie Brown**, president; **Dana Ferrell**, Vice President; **Chad Taylor**, Treasurer, **Tom Crouser**, Secretary, **Danny Bragg**; **Tom Miller**; **Earl Scyoc**, **Lisa Godwin**, **Calvin Butcher**, **Steve Poyet** and visitors **Delegate Ron Walters**, **JoAnn Jones** and **Carolyn Reed** (Relay for Life) **Barry Holstein** (Cross Lanes Community Development Council) **Dianna Strickland** and **Kevin Thomas**.

Minutes: Printed copy of previous meeting (February 11, 2013) was distributed to all via email previously. *Tom Miller* moved to accept minutes without reading. *Johnnie Brown* seconded the motion. Unanimously approved

1. **Delegate Ron Walters** – announced that a \$50,000 request for the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department has been approved and he presented the award certificate to Tom Miller, Secretary, Sissonville VFD. The certificate enables the group to receive the funds.

He further discussed the fact that requests for *Community Partnership Development Grants* should be received within the next two weeks. He noted that the grants are for one time services or projects and are not for operating funds. He said that Marilyn Parsons, a Sissonville resident who works for the Legislature has the forms. Last year there was some \$70,000 available for the area which may be reduced this year. Ron indicated the best way to reach him is on his cell phone at (304) 542-1572.

2. **Pat Abbott – Sissonville Public Library** – Pat updated the group on the recent WV Supreme Court decision which released the Kanawha County Board of Education from sharing tax funds with the Kanawha County Public Library. This amounts to a \$3 million annual operating fund loss for the library system.

Pat indicated she didn't know specifically what is going to happen nor did anyone else. She anticipated a bill would be introduced in the current session of the WV Legislature to provide funding for the seven county public library systems effected although there was no way to know the outcome of this proposed legislation. She indicated that the county library board was developing contingency cost cutting plans in case funds are not restored and that it would be on the board's agenda for the March 21st meeting. She did think, however, that "*all (branches) will be affected in some way or another,*" and that the library board welcomes suggestions from the public. Pat requests that suggestions be forwarded to her at pat.abbott@kanawhalibrary.org and she will pass them on.

During a discussion of this matter, it was noted that money donated to the library can be dedicated specifically to the Sissonville Public Library by indicating Sissonville on a donation form or the check itself.

The library's \$50 million drive to build a new central public library was brought up. Currently, \$18 million has been pledged but Pat explained that it is primarily pledges and not cash. She also noted that this

money could only be used for the building and not for operations. The Kanawha County Commission, Kanawha County School Board and city governments are the source of all library funding along with donations.

President Brown asked that this issue be carried forward onto the **April agenda when more information should be known.**

Motion: a motion was made by Tom Miller to table the funding support issue until our April meeting and to additionally allow the **president to write a letter to the Kanawha County Library Board to inquire of the funding impact specifically on the Sissonville Public Library.** The motion was seconded by Lisa Godwin and passed unanimously.

Motion: a motion was made by Dana Ferrell for the **president to send a letter to Kanawha County Schools in support of our library in Sissonville and all libraries.** Tom Miller seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. **Joanna Jones and Carolyn Reed – Sissonville Relay for Life – June 7-8, 2013** – the event raises money for the American Cancer Society. Discussed was a list upcoming events. The president requested that the group come back in April and bring us a cost estimate for a banner sign – **the Replay for Life was added as an agenda in April.**

4. **Website:** Tom Crouser reported information from Jason Fields that our website URL renewal and hosting fees would be coming due in June and made a motion that we approve an expenditure in the amount of approximately \$120 to cover the cost. Tom Miller made the motion to pay the fees and Tom Crouser seconded. The treasurer was directed to pay the bill when notified by Jason Fields.

5. **Sissonville Drive/White Oak** – Dana Ferrell has been in contact with Brent Walker but will have to defer to next month for a report. The president directed this item be placed on the **April agenda.**

New business not on agenda:

Gospel Sing: Tom Miller reported that a Gospel Sing will be held at the Sissonville VFD on Call Road on **Saturday April 6th; from 1-4 pm.** Admission is free with a donation at the door. Several singing groups will be attending. Patrons can also tour the new fire station and concessions will be available. The event will go on rain or shine as it will be indoors. Overflow parking will be provided at Maranatha Baptist Church and there will be a shuttle bus. The fire house can seat 500.

Millertown DOH Maintenance: Earl Scyoc brought up the issue of DOH maintenance work at Millertown (clean up, ditch lines, etc.). Earl will provide a draft letter on the work that needs to be done to Dana, who will follow up with Brent Walker.

New Fire Code Update: Earl Scyoc also indicated that there looks like changes will be made to the new state fire code to utilize fire treated materials in lieu of residential sprinklers which will impact construction in the Sissonville area effective 2014. The requirement for residential sprinklers was reported at the February meeting of this board.

Barry Holstein – Cross Lanes Development Council – was introduced and he related that he was involved in organizing a development council in Cross Lanes.

Area Expansions: Tom Miller noted the ongoing expansion of NGK plant. It was also reported that the Agricultural Station in Guthrie may be expanded although no details were known.

Potential Grant Requests: The board held a discussion of potential grant requests as related by Delegate Ron Walters. Several potential projects were discussed.

Motion: Tom Miller moved that the first choice of the board would be to do something on behalf of the pool or splash park at camp Virgil Tate. Dana Ferrell seconded and the motion carried.

Motion: Dana Ferrell moved and Chad Taylor seconded that a second choice of the board would be to seek more money for the electronic sign at Sissonville High School.

There being no other business, Dana Ferrell moved to end the meeting, Tom Crouser seconded and the motion passed. The meeting ended at 6:30 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2013 at 5 pm in the Sissonville Public Library.

As always, if you have comments, suggestions or criticisms please feel free to call or message me. Hope to see you next meeting if not before.

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