Chewelah Arts Guild

May 16, 2023

Attending: Diane E, Leslie, Nondis, Cindy, Katherine, Mary, Gail, Larry, Traci, Indigo, Loretta.

President Diane E called the meeting to order.

Minutes:  For April 2023

 Motion to accept minutes Leslie, Nondis seconded the minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

 Motion made to accept Treasurer’s Report Cindy, Gail seconded the Treasurer’s Report

Correspondence: None

City of Chewelah Parks and Recreation guest speaker Larry Fetter – Speaking with the mayor, Larry states that Chewelah needs Parks and Recreation plan to help with applying for grants. Would need a grant to write a park plan and the grant was approved. A community task force has been grouped and they have asked to focus on three things:

1.     A community indoor recreation facility that would include aquatics, would include a teen center as well. Similar to a YMCA membership base.

2.     Trails for people to recreate walking, running, and biking. A trail element plan would start at Deer Park up to Kettle Falls. Chewelah’s focus on the plan within our jurisdiction would have a spur up to the golf course. The trails would be eight feet wide and paved called multi-mobile for rollerblading, walking dogs, stroller, etc.

3.     Do we have enough parks in Chewelah? Ideally you want to be able to walk to a park in 5 minutes to half a mile. Chewelah has about 10 acres of park land. Currently there are no parks on the south side of Main Street. The plan proposes to correct that with the development growth.

The park plan will be completed in December and that will set the stage for Chewelah to look like recreationally in 5 to 10 years. To have an indoor recreational facility we would need a Park District. Chewelah would have the school district boundary to be the district. If Chewelah developed a Park District, CAG could partner with the Park District with an agreement with the percentage of the proceeds that come in can be available to CAG or with the built rec center a space can be dedicated to the arts programs. By request from the mayor, Larry is writing a grant for an upgrade on the Civic Center which could create space for art programs as well. The goal is to create a Park District that would manage all the different facilities, programs, and community engagements. Park systems need to be managed more strongly. Possibly removing the RV park space and turning it into a dog park. The Scouts house is in decline so they are negotiating to move them into the Civic Center and that would remove the Scout house completely and rebuild a playground in the same space next to the restrooms. Larry offers after a few months there will be drawing images of the park plan available for viewing online or he can come back to speak more at a future meeting.

Upcoming/Recent Events, Activities and Reports:

4.     Chewelah Creative District Report: CAG does have a membership profile and it is linked to CAG Facebook and Instagram pages, website and has email address. Diane requests Susanne to check the profile. Indigo suggests adding photos of past events.

Old Business:

5.     Project Loan Paperwork Review: Still in process.

6.     PACA Art Sale: Mary shared that the purpose of the art sale was not very clear. A large confusion was what people could sale at the art sale.

7.     Children’s Art Festival – July 16 & 16 2023: Leslie reassures that the pavilion has been reserved. Leslie would like confirmation that there will be volunteers.

8.     Membership Letters & Forms went out on May 1st: Make pins with the new logo and give to all new 2023/2024 members. Indigo shares the cost of ordering enamel pins. Traci made button style pins with the new logo to share and pass out and shares the cost if she made button style pins verses ordering enamel made pins. Cindy suggests having a thank you postcard to go along with the pins for new members. A contest for local artists and the winner would have their print put on the thank you postcards. Indigo will design rules for the artists to present a new contest. Indigo suggests using the winners from events like the pencil drawing and the quilt show to have the winner’s art printed on the thank you postcards. Indigo will design two different rules, one for the community and one for the events.

New Business:

9.     Digress from prompts presented by Susanne: Next month’s prompt is - The Arts Guild needs to increase focus on… how did the guild come to the mission statement. The discussion of how the Arts Guild was created and the difference between the Arts Guild missions statement verses the Creative District missions statement.

10.  Inspire Washington: Loretta, Nondis, Cindy and Diane E all attended. Nondis shares that there is a lot of grant money that is available. The guild can all become members of Inspire Washington. Inspire Washington is an organization that coordinates art organizations and provides funds for grants that are available. Nondis will look into joining the Guild as a membership.

11.  Hotel/Motel Tax funding grant for Children’s Art Festival: The guild received a $1,[000.00](http://0.0.0.0/) grant.

12.  Roadside Clean-Up: Will wait for Tom for discussion.

13.  Art from Recycled Items: Loretta proposes an event where local artists can display and sell art pieces made from recycled items. Would need to research to see how many local artists would be  interested. Diane expresses that she would like to resurrect the Garden Tour and could have the recycled art in the gardens. Mary suggests doing a contest for artists to enter their pieces. Traci suggests having a pop-up gallery during a city event to introduce recycled arts.

Events/Activities/Reports – discussion when needed:

14.  Scholarship: Gail presents only one entry application for the scholarship was turned in. The entry was awarded $500.00 this year and have encouraged them to apply again next year for a recurring $500.00. Leslie would like to discuss more on how to advertise the scholarship more.

15.  Quilt Show at the Civic Center: Indigo asking for more volunteers. Looking for volunteers for Thursday evening and need help bringing the quilt racks from the storage to the Civic Center. Friday from 9-12 will be excepting quilts in the door and need volunteers. Need volunteers to help hang quilts. Take down from 3-5:30 on Sunday will need volunteers. Need volunteers for ticket taking as well.

16.  Taste of Chewelah: Cindy gives update on local restaurants that will be involved. Akers will be selling tickets. Will be contacting Valley Drug as well. Encourage Flowery Trail to get involved, Drummers will be at event again and may find a couple other musicians for the event.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm. *The next meeting is scheduled for June 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the PACA meeting room.*

Submitted by Loretta Nielsen

CAG Secretary