

Maple Valley Board Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. Newark Free Library

In Attendance: Cheryl Dubecq, Laurie Campbell, Dean Moore, Wayne Deebel, Mike Cavazzini, Andy Feldmann, Melinda Mullen, Michele Lehman, Frank Scafidi, Bob Turner, Cara Shelton, Kevin Scannell, Sue Martin, Kristen Scully, Megan Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Cheryl Dubecq

Agenda Items:

Finance – Wayne Deebel reporting:

- Current Balance = \$5,326.55
- To date we have paid \$5,007 of the \$11,745 insurance bill
- Project low point in early March before dues start coming in....
- We still have four \$10 Pat's Gift Cards, which we will use this season for parties or whatever is appropriate.
- Wayne welcomed independent member review of the finance statements.

Grounds and Maintenance – Dean Moore/Andy Feldmann/Mike Cavazinni reporting:

- The main leak is fixed!!!! Thanks to all the men who worked on the closing and discovered the problem. This will save a few headaches this season and a fair amount of money since we will not be losing chemicals and heat....
- Epoxy floor reimbursement – We have recovered most of the money owed to us for the company's negligence.
- There will be a work party in the Spring for grouting and painting the pool – pool must be painted this year.
- The baby pool and the surrounding area must be a priority this year!!! The “flow” has been improved, but we need to make it more welcoming.
- There was discussion about painting “sea creatures” or a killer whale on the bottom of the baby pool.
- We will move some of the picnic tables out of the picnic area and clean it up. Some picnic tables will be moved to the deck, and maybe a few will be placed out in the field.
- We will not be replacing the basketball backboards/hoops. Instead we will create a baseball field since that seems to be the most popular use of that area.

Membership – Laurie Campbell reporting:

- 130 members last year (19 new)
- We are losing 4 or 5 families this season that we know of
- Memorial Day Open House brought in 5 or 6 families last year, so we will do this again
- Recruitment ideas for the next season were discussed, member referrals are still our best method of recruitment

Fundraising – Cheryl Dubecq:

- It will be necessary to do some fundraising in order to supplement our budget this year.
- Unfortunately, we lost our chairperson with Marcia Berger's resignation. We thank Marcia very much for all her hard work and dedication.

- Volunteers to Chair??? We are looking for a membership to take over the chairperson position. You don't have to do it all alone! See below:
- Less is more.... Let's develop 3 -4 "Big Ideas" and focus on them (Car Wash - we have free water, Yard Sale - charge \$10? Per space). We will need volunteers to "take on" **one** of the ideas, so one small group is not responsible for all the planning/execution.
- If interesting in chairing this committee please contact Cheryl Dubecq – cadubecq@verizon.net.

Personnel – Question by Cara Shelton

- We are taking applications for a Manager and an Assistant Manager for 2012. Suggestion was made that Manager should be an adult to oversee all of the guards.
- Procedures are the same for application process – everyone guard/manager must re-apply if they want to be considered for their position.
- Positions will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Swim Team – Kristen Scully Reporting:

- Cara Shelton will co-chair with Kristen Scully this summer
- Eileen Rudisill will be our new Head Coach – Welcome, Eileen!!

Proposal - Snack Bar (Kristen Scully)

- The swim team will "gift" a shed to the pool to be used as our new snack bar. During the swim meets, all proceeds will go to the swim team. Proceeds from other sales will go to the pool.
- Rob Scully will get power and water to the shed
- Location? Probably in the corner of the deck nearest to the existing shed
- Will be "manned" by volunteers
- All food/beverages/ice cream will be purchased directly rather than through a vendor.
- We already have a hotdog machine and a nacho machine
- There has been an offer of a donated refrigerator
- There was some discussion of getting a George Foreman grill for burgers

Work Parties/Checks – Question by Bob Turner

- This year we will again ask that members write a separate check for their "volunteer" hours.
- Dean Moore attends all the work parties, so he will bring the checks with him and return them to the volunteers as soon as their hours are completed that day – or some other form of check return. Board acknowledges that our first year of doing this got complicated, we need to develop a better system.
- Will continue to be able to obtain credit for volunteer hours for other activities as well – flyer distribution, fundraising, helping with parties, etc.
- No checks will be kept in the office.

There were no further issues raised. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.