

1 - CALL TO ORDER – WELCOMING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The meeting was called to order by CCF Chair Dean Kelch. Board members Harold Burnett, Fred Clerici, Michael Kirker and Nancy Rieser were present. Joanna Cassese and Erin Mullen-Brosnan were absent. Also present was Office Secretary Jeanne Owens. Interested citizens in attendance included: John April, Deborah Brandon, Sarah Louise Humann, Frank McCullough, Kent Peterson, Dan Robertson, and Ron Wilson.

2 - PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Allison McKee from the Contra Costa County Library reported on the One City, One Book program in West Contra Costa County. The program is designed to foster community discussion about books by encouraging an entire community to read the same book at the same time. Copies of the books are available at the Crockett Library at no charge. This year's book is "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. It is a collection of short stories that recreates the experiences of young foot soldiers in the Vietnam War. There will be a book discussion group on Monday, April 20, 6:15 to 7:30 PM at the Crockett Library. The discussion will be titled "Truth and True Stories" as it relates to "The Things They Carried." This discussion will be moderated by Jason Berner, Dean of the Liberal Arts Division at Contra Costa College. Allison distributed 13 copies of the book to interested members of the CCF Board and meeting attendees.

Kent reported that the street lights have been repaired, and he would like to discuss reimbursement of the account at the May meeting. Jeanne reported that a check had already been cut in the amount of \$6,000. Kent reported that \$6,000 was not enough, and that he would like to discuss the full reimbursement of the account at the May meeting.

Ken Ockander reported that work has begun on the roof at Odd Fellows Hall. He also reported that the CMRS model train track is open on Sundays and encouraged everyone to visit. The Carquinez Model Railroad Society is looking for historical items relating to the Odd Fellows Hall.

3 – PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Harold Burnett reported that he has received positive comments on the grounds at the CCF office.

4 – MICROGRANT APPROVAL

The Crockett and Port Costa Artist Guild (CAPCAG) submitted a microgrant request in the amount of \$1,000 to be used to purchase promotional materials for CAPCAG events. There was confusion surrounding the grant as written. The Board encouraged CAPCAG to rewrite the grant proposal and submit it at the May meeting.

5 - FUNDRAISING ASSISTANCE PREAPPROVAL AND APPROVAL

The Port Costa Conservation Society is requesting that they be placed on the fundraising calendar for the May Townwide Yard Sale. Michael Kirker made a motion to approve the Port Costa Conservation Society for the May fundraising calendar. Harold Burnett seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Carquinez Toy Train Operating Museum is requesting that they be placed on the fundraising calendar for their June, October and December Open House. Harold Burnett made a motion to approve the CTTOM for the May fundraising calendar. Fred Clerici seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Crockett Community Services District is requesting that they be placed on the fundraising calendar for their May Hot Dog/Polish Dog sale at Memorial Hall. Harold Burnett made a motion to approve the CCSD for the May fundraising calendar. Fred Clerici seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 4 ayes and Michael Kirker abstaining.

The Carquinez Model Railroad Society is requesting that they be placed on the fundraising calendar for their May National Train Day and May Townwide Yard Sale. Harold Burnett made a motion to approve the CMRS for the May fundraising calendar. Fred Clerici seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Fred Clerici made a motion to approve the following fundraising assistance deposits. Joanna Cassese seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Organization: Crockett Lions Club
Event: Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Amount: \$2,105.00

Organization: Crockett Bass Club
Event: Crab Feed
Amount: \$3,576.79

John Swett Class of 2015 turned in a fundraising deposit that the Project Funding Committee deemed incomplete. Jeanne will ask them to resubmit their deposit to be considered at the May meeting.

6 - DISCUSSION ON FUNDING (JOHN SWETT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT)

At the March meeting a community member requested that Board members' philosophy on grant funding to the John Swett Unified School District be agendized for the April meeting. Therefore, a short discussion ensued, although the community member was not present. Dean Kelch stated that the Board has granted out over \$471,248 over the last 21 years. Harold Burnett reported that the CCF has always supported the schools, and has tried to fund good projects that augment school programs. Fred Clerici noted that the CCF has been a good neighbor to the schools and that the CCF fundraising assistance program alone has kept many of the school groups going, as each group at the school is

eligible for three fundraising matches per year. It was the consensus of the Board that grant requests from the school district and school-related organizations will continue to be judged on their merit.

7 - DISCUSSION ON LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE COSTS (444 LORING AVENUE)

Greg Branson, who has been doing our landscape maintenance, has suggested that the Board look into using landscape fabric and mulch to cut down on the weeds at 444 Loring Avenue. It was the consensus of the Board to try to obtain free mulch, and support the CREEC youth program by having them spread the mulch. Dean Kelch reported that he had fixed leaks in the drip system that may have been contributing to significantly higher water bills.

8 - TREASURER'S REPORT

Fred Clerici gave the Treasurer's report for March 1 to March 31, 2015, which included a year to date accounting on special funds, spreadsheets reflecting projected changes in fund balances, as well as the status of the Foundation's operating expenses and a detail of allocated grants. Various invoices for expenses totaled \$3,482.56. Total liabilities and equity through March were \$6,511,065.16. Michael Kirker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Harold Burnett seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

9 - SECRETARY'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In Erin Mullen-Brosnan's absence, Nancy Rieser reported on correspondence received in March. Nancy also presented minutes from the March Board meeting. Michael Kirker made a motion to approve the Secretary's report and March minutes, Harold Burnett seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

10 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mary Wais reported that the Project Funding Committee met to review final reports and fundraising assistance deposits.

Mary Wais reported that the Community Outreach Committee met and discussed the newsletter, talking points for visits to various organizations, a donor event and an updated pamphlet.

11 - FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Oral grant presentations, reimbursement of street light maintenance account, Gemstone enrollment update, addendum to unusual grants.

12 - BOARD AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Rieser asked if the Gemstone Foundation had shared its revised enrollment numbers, as they had not met the quota for their grant when they appeared at the January Board meeting. She also reported that there had been a discussion about the efficacy of Gemstone Foundation's program at a JSUSD board meeting. An audio transcript of the board meeting can be accessed on the JUSUSD's website.

13 - ADJOURNMENT TO MAY 7, 2015

Dean Kelch adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM until **May 7, 2015**.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Owens
Office Secretary