

## DCS Annual Meeting Minutes Nov. 2015

### School report – Jodi O’Mara, 4<sup>th</sup> year as Mapleton elementary Principal

Mapleton is now part of AVID district (Advancement via individual determination) and has new reading and math curriculum. The school is trying to branch out into online courses for college credit and electives. They’re also seeking volunteers from community for “artist in residence” program to teach crafts, art, music, drama, etc. There is a budget to provide supplies. Contact Mizu or Jodi O’Mara to volunteer. Mapleton school has joined Siuslaw Education Foundation which is a nonprofit, so should have more opportunities to apply for grant funding. The school has also hired a grant writer whose salary is based on the amount of grant funding they bring in. There is a health screening program for students, with vision and hearing through the Lion’s Club. Dental assistance is available if a problem is found at a screening, with permission slip an appointment for care can be scheduled.

### Vision-Action Team Liz Vollmer-Buhl and Becky Goering

Is a regional effort to form a shared vision for the Siuslaw watershed region from Florence inland to Mapleton, Deadwood, and points beyond. Ford Family Foundation is organizing focus groups to determine what the common needs of the area are, with the intent of strengthening the vitality of rural communities. Grants, scholarships and leadership programs are available through FFF.

Mizu, Tchanan and MaryGold McNutt are participating locally. A survey sent out last year received 700 responses when goal was 300. Common threads identified in 9 focus groups were as follows:

Transportation – accessible public transport between rural communities and Florence, and between Florence and Eugene.

Economic development – reopening mills, seeking sustainable ways to create industry and employment.

Middle income housing, Public safety, Preschool/child care/after care needs, Recreation center/community center, Increased access to medical care for rural

people including wellness center in upriver area, need for cultivating greater connection between age groups.

Shared vision aims to cover 10 year period. There is an open meeting in January. Visit [www.siuslawpathways.com](http://www.siuslawpathways.com) for more info or talk to MaryGold, Mizu or Tchanan.

#### Co-op Report – Cathy Barr

Deadwood co-op has been around for 40 years offering bulk buying of local and organic foods delivered to the Community center for pickup. There are currently 22 households in the co-op, with about 13 active. New members are always welcome, lifetime membership is \$25. Orders are placed every other month, and members get credit toward orders by volunteering for pick up and distribution. To support the DW Farmers market, the co-op doesn't order vegetables in the summer. Co-op financials available upon request. For more info talk to Cathy Barr.

Financial Report – Nancy (full page, too much for ditto) Contact Carina (3015) at [ridethewave1220@gmail](mailto:ridethewave1220@gmail.com) and I can e-mail it to interested parties or get you a hard copy.

Elections to the DCS Board – Nominees are Mel Gurtov, Mary Gibney, and Sophia Elena Ross. Mary Gibney was not in attendance. All three nominees were unanimously elected to the board, with no one opposed. Howard Pazdral, Tchanan Ross, and Mizu Kinney are members leaving the board.

#### Siuslaw Watershed Council – Ray Kinney

Watershed Council board is going through changes with Liz Mobley stepping down as Director. Can be challenging and also rewarding to seek common ground between a variety of interests (timber companies, Soil and Water Conservation District, etc.) Native plant distribution flyers have been sent out, Dec. 18 is the priority order deadline to order your free native plants. Contact Kate Harnedy if you have questions or to order plants e-mail [nativeplants@siuslaw.org](mailto:nativeplants@siuslaw.org)

#### Fire Service report – Rich Peterson

Training sessions have been underway to train people on the fire truck. Site plan property assessments to create a tactical fire plan for specific properties is available for interested property owners. Contact Rich to schedule a site plan visit. Fire service meetings are held monthly on the first Sunday of the month, anyone is welcome. There has been a lapse in fundraising, fundraising letters will be sent out Dec. 1. There is a possibility of annexing our area into Deadwood-Swiss Home Fire Department. This would create more opportunities for grant funding and procuring equipment. Rich agreed to speak to Greg Linsey, DW/SW Fire chief, about this possibility. Several volunteers have been working on existing equipment to assess its condition and repair if possible. Cathy Barr asked about the state of finances for the Fire Dept. currently and answer was vague – “enough to keep the lights on” The idea of having an elected board for the Fire service was brought up, as it was quickly determined the DCS board would not be able to fill that role.

#### State of the Building report – Howard

Happy to report the clerestory window project has been completed. Leaks in the clerestory windows had been ongoing and slowly getting worse. All 12 windows were replaced with new double pane thermals. A fair amount of structural wood was replaced due to rot. All trim was replaced with tight grain old growth fir and sealed with Timber Pro Internal wood stabilizer with UV protectant. The sill and flashing system was redesigned to prevent water intrusion and rot longer term, and an “eyebrow” roof was built onto the existing roof to shelter the windows somewhat from the brunt of the weather. The project came in just under the budget projected by Bill and Ray. A small woodshed was also built by Sunny for a community center wood supply. People are encouraged to bring donations of wood and stack it in the shed.

#### UDIG and Farmers Market report – Billy Buruss

UDIG CSA started in 2010. This year we had 6 subscriptions to the CSA and worked with 4 or 5 growers to fill the weekly boxes. Rich headed up organizing the CSA this year. Subscriptions are \$180 for 12 weeks of fresh veggies beginning in June. Contact Billy or Rich for more information.

Deadwood Farmer's Market started in 2006, so will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year next year. This year we decided to move under the trees in the Post Office parking lot, which seemed to work well both to shelter the vendors and to provide more parking for the Deadwood Tavern. Billy introduced a Deadwood Grain Project – asking people to volunteer to grow 1500 square feet of a select grain of their choice. Seed will be provided with growers' agreement to track and journal planting dates, growing methods, and yield. Contact Billy to participate.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday –Tchanan

Third Saturday dinner and dance continues to be a good source of income for DCS, and is now in about its 6<sup>th</sup> year. More volunteers are always appreciated to help make this amazing community event continue to happen.

### Deadwood Preparedness Committee – Bill Cirino

DPC has identified 2 stages of community preparedness: educating people on how to prepare for disaster at a household level, and working with existing agencies including ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) WLEOG (West Lane Emergency Operations Group) to increase community preparedness and response. WLEOG has open meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 10am at the Siuslaw Fire Station in Florence. There is a group called CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) which trains community members to be a first line of response in an emergency. Jim Langborg (Siuslaw Fire Chief) and Frank Nolte (CERT Trainer) will be coming out Nov. 15 at 6pm for an Emergency preparedness info meeting.

DPC has been working with ARES and the Fire Dept. to update, test, and distribute a radio communication system for our valley. Talk to Bill C., Jodi Gurtoy or Carina for more information.

### Deadwood Neighborhood Watch – Marina

There have been 9 reported incidents to date this year. NW will be having a community wide meeting in January and needs more people to come forward to volunteer. NW needs to be a community wide effort in order to be effective.

Marina is hoping to retire from leading NW, and reports that Sheriff Boggs plans to retire next year. The rise in incidents seems to coincide with a decrease in NW members. Reports of incidents in ditto may help to deter incidents via peer pressure. A proposal for DialX.net, an automated calling service, was put forward as a possible solution to the need to quickly alert all members in the community. DialX.net requires \$300 prepaid airtime, then deducts from that at \$.09/minute for calling a list of people. There would still need to be one person responsible for activating the auto call process and recording the message.

Maryanne discussed Veneta/Fern Ridge tax district passing a tax increase to add 10 officers to their area, pay for dedicated bed space in the jail, and has contacts with CAHOOTS for mental/addiction intervention services. Revenue from the Marijuana legalization bill was discussed – apparently that money is earmarked specifically for enforcement of the measure, not general policing. There was a suggestion that people talk to the county commissioner about that money being used in a more general way.

There was an update on the status of Todd, the man who has been causing incidents in Deadwood, and this status seemed to contradict earlier information. (he has/doesn't have a wife or girlfriend, he does not/does have military combat experience, Boggs can/will not pick him up on a mental evaluation "3 day paper")

A weed eater that was stolen in the area has been found and returned due to the owner recording the serial number...is a good reminder to record serial numbers of equipment to aid in investigations of thefts.

Deadwood Care Team –Keith Strom

DCT offers to check on the welfare of folks who are hurting or having a difficult time, and can offer support. Call Keith for more info.