

Summary of DCS meeting 12-08-2014

**Note, the meeting ran for 2 hours, so this a very abbreviated version to cover highlights*

Present: Nancy, Tchanan, Mizu, MaryGold, Howard, Carina, Anna Metz, Michelle and Ritchie Gross, Bill Cireno, Ray Kinney, Deb, Karen Moeller, Mel, Mary Lou Goerzen, Maggie and George Oldershaw, Maryanne, Greg Kennedy, Billy Buruss, Mary Lou R.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Budget Review
- Project Priorities
- Community Oven History of an Idea
- Elections
- Review of Bylaws

A budget was presented which broke down income and expenses in detail for the past 3 years. It was determined to set aside operating costs and basic building maintenance for the current 2015 fiscal year, and for the following year. Average operating costs for each year approximate \$5,000. Total current funds in the DCS account are approximately \$16,000. After setting aside operating costs for the next 2 years, \$6,000 remain as funds available for repairs and projects. \$5,000 of the \$6,000 was from a special donation, overall response to yearly donations was down. Many good questions were asked and much discussion took place. The detailed budget is posted in the Community Center for review.

Maintenance and repair of the existing building was recognized to be the first priority of DCS, and the following list of suggested repairs/improvements to the Center was generated:

- 1-Replace rotting deck rails (safety issue)
- 2-Install propane stove in kitchen as part of kitchen update
- 3-Clean and nonskid back deck
- 4-Repair rotted window sills on lower level
- 5-Remove clerestory windows to replace sills and reseal (large project, couple years out)
- 6-Build porch over back deck
- 7-Enclose "pump room" under building to protect from freezing and create secure storage

1-3 Being the highest priorities of DCS and currently being planned, 4 and 5 needing to happen within the next couple years, and 6 and 7 proposed ideas for improvements.

A brief history of how DCS arrived at the community oven proposal idea: DCS was approached by an anonymous donor this summer who wanted to contribute to a project that would serve the community. Details of the amount of the donation and the timeline of the donor were vague. After discussing numerous options DCS arrived at the community oven and picnic shelter idea for the following reasons:

- It would make the center more attractive to party rentals and potentially generate income
- It would encourage community gathering in the form of community baking days or pizza parties
- It would employ local people (Max and Eva Edleson of Firespeaking)
- It would improve the flexibility and use of the center during rainy weather
- It could serve as a feeding station for large numbers of people in the event of an emergency, with wood fired oven being sustainably useable in a grid down situation
- It would be attractive to the potential donor who could see something tangible and long lasting as a direct result of the donation

When DCS presented the idea and estimate to the donor, the project was evidently beyond the scope of the donation, which did not materialize. The DCS board was nevertheless excited about this idea and created a vision board with the details of the project to present at the annual meeting. Because of this excitement, it was not made very clear in the annual meeting that this is a proposed idea and not a decision to allocate existing funds to this project. Special fundraising would be required. A discussion of grants and fundraising ideas followed. MaryGold passed around a scale drawing of her idea for construction of the Picnic Pavillion, and briefly discussed estimated cost.

It was recognized and re-stated that repair of the existing building is priority, and any new projects require the approval of the wider community before being implemented.

A discussion about emergency preparedness followed, and an emergency preparedness committee was formed under the umbrella of the Deadwood Fire service as they had done some preliminary work in this area. The Emergency Preparedness Committee consists of Bill C., Howard, Ritchie, Ray Kinney, Carina, Mel and Jodi Gurtov.

There was a discussion of DCS Board elections and a reading of the Bylaws. It was recognized that elections were basically non-existent at the annual meeting. A committee was formed to review the bylaws, and it was decided to call another meeting to hold proper elections and hear/vote on proposed changes suggested by the Bylaws Review committee. On the committee were Tchanan, Mel, Mary Lou R., Greg Kennedy, Jesse Pattison

Term limits were discussed. Current bylaws proscribe elected directors serve a two year term, serving no more than 4 consecutive terms for a total of 8 years.

The bylaws require that adequate notice (at least 7 days) be given of a meeting to elect directors or amend bylaws. Whoever attends the meeting constitutes the decision making body.

A discussion followed about encouraging people to think of someone to nominate, and that part of the election process was that the board ask for nominations. Michelle suggested a Student Representative to the board to encourage civic involvement among the young people of the valley.

There was a discussion about improving communication between the DCS Board and the community. Four methods were recognized as avenues for communication: e-mail, The Deadwood Trading Post, The Ditto, and the Deadwood Outreach Group Facebook page. There is a need for better methods of polling the community and receiving feedback, and the board asked for suggestions. Posting notices in the Center and at the Deadwood Store was suggested as a way to reach people who were not online. Deb talked about the Ditto and the need for a driver since Steve isn't coming back soon. Carina volunteered to deliver the Ditto. It was noted that many of the delivery tubes were mounted very low and awkward to reach from a car.

It was recognized that committees were a good way to involve more people in the activities of DCS and the community. An events committee was formed of Tchanan and (?)

An Outreach committee was formed with the intent of connecting with people who are not normally involved with DCS, with a recognition that this community could be more inclusive. Volunteering for this committee was Billy Buruss, Michelle and Maggie. (more?)

The meeting was concluded with a positive and upbeat energy.