February 26 Meeting Notes

Attendance: Alyssa, Abigail, Maile, Leila, Angela, Nuria,
Zoom: Leah

4:06 Introducing Abigail
4:10 Grant Review

- West Marin Fund Organizational Effectiveness grant due Saturday. We are applying for infrastructural support, Stewards are also applying.
    - Invitation only childhood equity grant

4:13 Budgets-projected 2026 budget

- Cleaning up the chart of accounts. Changes such as 5% to 10% fiscal sponsorship contribution.

4:17 Preschool update from Alyssa: Second meeting of the "preschool committee" tonight

- Talk of applying applying for West Marin Collaborative Grant
- Goal of preschool committee is to Design a Model Program for Communities of Bolinas/Stinson to have equitable access to preschool/childcare for 0-3 years old.
    - Is this goal of 0-3 in line with the needs of the community?
- New nonprofit? Focused on 0-5 year olds. Bolinas is largest community but least served and most isolated.
    - ORRR could we consider the 0-5 year old in the scope of the Foundation?
- Parcel Tax targeting non-resident homes. To do: Existing voting district runs parcel tax. increase (Fanny is leading research). Leila: Lots of parcel tax increase proposals
- Preschool good to operate as is next year (2026-2027)
- Leila: Results from survey for needs from 0-3= nothing conclusive. Why nonprofit also including 4 and 5 year olds, when that is in clearly district jurisdiction
- A couple of weeks ago there was a community meeting. Good turn out, but not many fully informed people.
- Needs for the forest school, how can we support them? Proposal to do a feasibility study on a preschool with papermill. Leila: 0-5 is supportive of the private school model this is a buffer against boom and bust cycle of attendance–need clarity NOT competition between schools: 0-3 feeds into public school.
- Forest school looking for new location? Euphorbia sponsorship?
- Omar strong opinion that 3 year olds should be with 4 year olds, but there are contrary feelings.
- Marin Community Foundation pulled scholarships from papermill a few months ago.
- Current $627000 parcel tax how is it currently allocated? If there is any money left, there is no reason it shouldn't be able to cover preschool. Increases by 3% each year.

4:42 Grant Writing:

- Currently: 72 / 119 kids in enrichment programs (not including Earth Allies/Stewards). 39/72 applied for scholarships. Other ideas: Biking, Archery, Mechanics

4:45 After school Programming HELP. Currently each provider is expected to send out an email, rather than a coagulation of all. Host on our website, have parents sign up on our website. Leah running living room and has no capacity to do admin. Our roles: Cultivate new

programming, post schedules and links to registration through the district. Need scholarship reporting. The combination of living room and afterschool activities. Johanna has a spreadsheet with google.

- Action items:
    - We will work with Leah–Publication of whats available with advanced notice. Have a meeting with Leah, Leo/Ilie, maybe Johanna, Ashley.
    - Cultivate new programming, focus on middle school. Middle school survey. Are they already all engaged? Homework club, theater is middle school heavy, also sports such as cheerleading and volleyball.
- From a parents perspective: one place with all options including sports teams. Funnel Ashley into the regular programming.

5:00 Spring Event Getting Youngsters involved.

- May 9th *day before mothers day (unconfirmed). Stations for making mothers day gifts that uses tickets
- Entry Ticket gets you in with a tasting of chili cook off or Salad chop off
- Getting Volunteers. Email those who have signed up as available to volunteer.
- Nuria will facilitate gift making.
- Action Items:
    - Cement the date (Angela)
    - Recruit volunteers by sending an email to parents who have signed up to volunteer (once get confirmed availability) to help

5:12 Jenny

- No homework! Pros and cons

5:25 Adjourned