

GWC Minutes
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
1:00 pm

Call to order: 1:05pm

In Attendance: Melanie Riddle, Julie Wolcott, Sarah Montgomery, Julie Matranga

Approval of agenda: Approved

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Approved

GRANT UPDATES (grants that are being implemented):

Community Center:

- VT Mutual Insurance: \$2,500 received for environmental sustainability energy project. Saving to use for other grant matches to be able to complete the project in full. Does the community center want to apply for this grant again for the next funding cycle? Funds could be used for the food shelf or for youth programming. Next application deadline is in May.
- Max Drafis Foundation: \$10,000 received. Being saved for the environmental sustainability energy project. Was awarded early October. Report does not need to be submitted yet.

Library:

- Vermont Community Foundation: \$2,500 for teen room project. Funds will be used to hire a financial literacy speaker and allocate the teens with a budget to purchase new furniture.

Town:

- Recreational Facilities Grant: Should be closed out. Melanie will check in with recreation committee.
- Sidewalks: Check in with the town clerk office. Last update indicated that construction would begin in the spring.

School:

- No current grants.

OUTSTANDING GRANTS:

Community Center:

- People Community Foundation: Requested \$5,000 for food shelf operations. Should be hearing back soon.
- RiseVT Amplify: Requested \$1,275. For pizza nights. Would like to offer more often and with more local ingredients.

- Canaday: Submitted letter of interest for youth programming Requested \$19,910. If we are chosen to go on, application would be due in July.
- Windham Foundation: Youth programming. Requested \$13,610.
- Agnus Lindsay: Youth programming, camperships. Requested \$3,000.

Library:

- NNLM offers technology and a community engagement grant. Deadline in April. Discussed whether it might be a good idea to apply for more technology funds in order to share more computers/ tablets with other community organizations and also consider loaning them to community members.

Town:

- Historical Preservation Grant: Roof for Fairfield Common School.
- Ben & Jerry's: For Rec. Committee for "fall ball games project". Should have head back in January. Melanie will check in.
- RiseVT: For rec. Committee. Fairfield volleyball project. Want to buy rolling nets/ balls. Just applied for this month. Requested \$1,500.

School:

- No outstanding grants.

Melanie is also planning to apply to these grants as they become available:

- VT Community Foundation Spark grant for community center youth programming
- VT Community Foundation Spark grant for rec. committee equipment
- TD Charitable Foundation for food shelf operations
- Ben & Jerry's for food shelf operations
- Art Council Community foundation grant for building project at community center
- Rec. facilities grant for rec. Committee

Parking Lot:

- Pond/ Beach - One idea was to have little structure to house kayaks/ canoes. Swimming lessons.

New Business:

- Current grant writer fund balance: Melanie's hours went down to 12 hours. Current balance will cover 2020 grant writer expenses at those hours. All community organizations (library, town, school, community center) contributed funds for 2020.
- GrantWatch subscription is expired. Do we want to renew our access to this database? Melanie said she doesn't normally find new grant opportunities there that she can't access elsewhere. Julie M. mentioned that we may be able to get access for free. She will look into it.

- BNML community engagement results. Sarah shared results from the community engagement exercises the library has done over the past year as well as the library's new strategic plan.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Discussion about GrantWatch subscription
- Discuss any changes we might want to make to our grant wish list

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 6th, 1pm.

Meeting Adjourned:

2:10pm