

## **FCA General Meeting August 11, 2021**

**Minutes taken by** Dawna Drum

**Meeting called to order at:** 6:05–

**In Attendance:** Carl McDaniel, Kristi Sletti, Lisa McOmber, Dawna Drum, Rebecca Cayen, Shorty Bjornstad

### **No meeting in July**

IB still met, worked on policies, including bylaws, got a lot done

3 policies away from being done, will present any new members with that packet for expectations

Do have 501c3 status, working well with WFCN for projects so far, payments processing quickly

**Chipping event:** Rebecca filed her post-project report – 16 tons of woody debris from just the July event – more than half of people were brand new, handed out fliers at food bank and cleanup event, 57 registered participants, budgeted for about 64, 15 minutes per participant, if more time can go back and do it again, had to spread it out because of excessive heat, got multiple compliments on how well Zenders cleaned up, nice to do a public event that almost everyone supports, David Moe of WCFD14 said it was helpful as well, went live with Sept event, had a few people sign up before that, 16 tons may be a new record, feedback on process, contracting was convoluted and difficult to follow, only had one contractor to chase down for PSA, signed and scanned 5 different times which was cumbersome, she had a fiscal sponsor but we paid it anyway so that was confusing, she was our guinea pig! She's organizing the project, she assumes responsibility, she asked for 6 different quotes and got back some really high ones, only two called her back or even answered their phone. Contract with WFCN and put our own info on it, it's a requirement., Kristi's reply – PSA they would like to see so they know what the expectations were, legal accountability. If they only get halfway through project, we have grounds to only pay half. Her FS could have received all funds and paid them out, we paid them instead. Need to be more clear that it is project-by-project, not multiple events, clarify the prompts. Kristi will ask her staff to make a fillable PDF. Can we autogenerate response when they submit form and completion report? We could make it a policy that we can get it back to the submitter. Kristi said report was appreciated so they can share it with MBF.

**Parks and Rec:** Carl – property has not been secured yet because someone always makes a bid before they even hear about it, so they have people they are talking to about their interest. Exercise program at WRRRC, should be coming up fairly soon. From funds from WCF from two years ago. Update on property donation? Been moved to upper management now, she was supposed to be taking it to the board. He assumes no news is good news because that means it's still in process.

**Summerfest:** Had table for Watchdogs and FCA, lots of people signed up. General impression was good. Someone was interested in being on board, at least 3 new families stopped by. Tonight's meeting didn't get sent out so they aren't here. Kristi counted about 350 people. All left over food either went to the Foothills Foodbank or to the Lighthouse Mission.

**Board selection:** policies almost completed so we need to get nominations going. Would like to have final policies and bylaws to them by Sept meeting. Sept 15 because of Labor day, Rebecca, Carl, and

Richard can't be there because of a conference. Need to do a Doodle poll. Need to get docs to them ahead of time so they can read it. Goal would be by end of year to vote for new board members. Maybe not all, but start presenting names now. Interim Board is running out of things to do so we should be working on wrapping up paperwork and policies and get real board going. Most of current IB are willing to stay on, we just need to have the whole community rather than just IB and this small group. Kristi asked about our methods of promotion, we have done all of them (podcast, radio, fliers, library, NextDoor, Fb, etc.) Other ideas - pop-up at Sam's? F2F meeting might get better turnout? October meetings for both WD and FCA will be in person and Zoom at firehall! There was some debate about in-person meetings, vaccine status, hybrid meetings, etc.

**Treasurer Report:** See slide below. Dawna also explained that she is working documenting practices for all financial activities and working on the budget.

Carl suggested we keep the original time for Sept meeting because of all the other meetings that exist. Always going to be a conflict. Shorty agreed with Carl which was difficult for him, but said we should keep the same meeting or we may lose members.

Rebecca reported on cleanup day even though we didn't sponsor it. said 143 customers were served by cleanup day, 4000 pounds of toxic waste. Vouchers to RDS were good, Dept of Health paid for it. Vouchers were just one day because this was a one-time deal with CARES Covid funds. Did not turn anyone with hazardous waste. Tire amnesty possibility in future. Definitely a good thing. Lisa asked - If she did it again, would it be better idea to sign up get voucher rather than show up? It seems like there is always a cost to the community. Are they going to come back later to bite us because they spent money on this, then they won't do something else later? Rebecca - It's always best to not bring stuff to a central location, like chipping event. There was no dumping this time, fire and sheriff were patrolling. Hard to do with garbage though. Lisa - working on who needs help but don't have a means of getting it there. Carl - those programs already exist through Health Dept. Public programs don't work, toxic waste works excellent. Sedro Wooley place (name?) is better than Z's for appliance. Garbage portion won't work for this many people, some people just cancel their garbage service then. Rebecca - need to rethink future efforts to avoid that, approach it differently. We learn from all of these efforts. Carl - Watchdogs picking up regularly helped train (social norming) to get people used to picking up. That might work better than programs to take garbage. County might be willing to pay for people's garbage if we provide muscle. Rebecca - what if FCA paid for garbage? She removed some too. What if we paid for dumpster only members know about? Lisa - we do have one at EWRRRC so we can fill it a couple times a month. If people let us know, we'll get it and put it in our dumpster. We don't publicize that so people don't expect it. A long conversation followed about blighted properties and how to handle them which isn't technically part of this meeting so I didn't take notes.

**Adjourned 7:27**

## FCA Interim Treasurer's Report August 11, 2021

- ▶ FCA Expenses Paid
  - ▶ \$ 1,326.80 to WCC for printing and mailing FCA postcards in May
  
- ▶ Completed FCA Funded Projects
  - ▶ 2021 July Chipping Event - Funded for \$3000
  - ▶ 2021 Kendall Summerfest - Funded for \$3300