Redwood Coast Senior Center March Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:30am

Board Members Present: Claudia Boudreau, Rick Banker, Zomala Abell, Michael Carroll

Staff Present: Charles Bush, Executive Director

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:45am

Public Comments: None

Approval of March Agenda as Amended: Boudreau Moved, Banker 2nd

Approval of February Minutes: Abell Moved, Banker 2nd

There was some discussion about an item in the minutes. It was a review of the Three Sisters CSA plan to have a refrigerated truck at the Senior Center to distribute fresh produce.

Financial Report and Discussion

Claudia and Charles reported that the financial report looks good. The dining room donations are down, the MCDSS contract is down, but food costs are also down and Meals on Wheels donations are up. The proposed federal cuts to Meals on Wheels will not affect us. Gas costs are up, but rides are up and runs are being very well managed. Day Care costs are balancing themselves out. The dining room finances are attributable to the death of many people who were regulars and a significant shift in census to Meals on Wheels. The vacation and sick leave finances are done. There is a favorable balance.

Operations Report and Discussion

Bus Grant Application has gone in.

Social Services Contract has been finalized for next year.

The Community Foundation Garden Grant was received and work has been organized for removal of pond and bocce court and installation of greenhouse. Wood has been delivered and taken. There is no organized system for when it comes again but people have volunteered trucks to deliver it. The wood is free from Chamberlin Creek labor. People are very happy about it.

Forums continue to be successful. Michael Potts and Charles will do the one on how to search the internet.

The corned beef dinner had 90 people, which qualifies it as successful.

Housing: Charles attended the Mendocino County meeting and felt that little was happening. They are trying to centralize housing information, basically for HUD. The Hospitality House is our local center for Housing. Discussion ensued re the fact that it is serving as a shelter but it does not appear to be doing anything else with any degree of visibility or success. This is a problem and has been a problem for some time.

Operational Progress: Clytie will return, Deborah will not. Steven Waddell is training in various capacities, volunteering in others and working part time at

the front desk. Zo has also had contact with him, in his capacity of helping people learn to use smartphones. He has scheduling skills, technology skills and people like him. Mike mentioned the possibility of having him make a newsletter template using Constant Contact. The office, in particular the front desk, is now fully staffed, full time.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Next meeting May 3, 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Zomala Abell, Secretary