

11/14/17 Greenbriar Community Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting Date: Tues 12/19/17

October Financial Summary Presentation: Available for review. Please contact Jonina.

Announcements:

Thanksgiving potluck sign up sheet is posted in the shop. Please add the dishes you plan to bring.

The boat house is in sever disrepair. A decision needs to be made on how to manage this issue, repair, tare down, etc.

The lawnmower is assembled and ready for use. It is sitting next to the shop.

A letter from Corey from Greenbriar to Santa. This letter is meant to depict Corey's hope for a brighter future for Greenbriar:

Dear Santa,

I'm almost 50 years young! I've been pretty good this year. I've helped many people over the years. I've had good years and bad. I hope to be good next year and even better every year after. I'm very thankful for all the wonderful people I've gotten to know. Here is a few Christmas wishes I have for now and the future:

1. More activities.
2. More art.
3. More fun!! J

In the year 2069 I will be 100 years young.

Love Greenbriar School and Community.

Ratification:

Agenda:

1)Community expectations of the board members. **Tabled.**

2) Review the work credit requirements. Establish an approval process for hours that are allowed to be taken off bill.

Proposal: A policy will be written regarding proper documentation of work done. Policy Proposal to come. Tabled

3) Thrice's permaculture proposal. **Stage 1 approved: Clearing dead trees, Fixing/Clearing around power poles. It was suggested that a location in/near the garden area be used to test the more drastic elements of his Permaculture project. Mulch layering, clearing, etc.**

4) Hosting permaculture workshops to improve upon our land and promote our educational purpose with the subject of sustainable living. **We should start reaching out to some work shop instructors(some workshops are booked for up to a year). We should discuss our goals regarding permaculture and a budget to set per project.**

5) Educational workshops for advertisement and visitor participation. Suggested workshops, Bamboo creation, Singer song writer retreats, Yaupon tea workshops. In order to host such workshops we will need:

1) proper bathroom facilities to support a larger number of people.
2) More showers, another shower room to have Men's and Women's showers for visitors.
3) The guest house to be appropriately prepared for visitor stays. As the workshops grow I assume camping will be utilized but until then the guest house if done right can house 10-20 depending on bed arrangements. Placement, Bunk beds, etc. **Jonina will Begin cleaning/furnishing the guest house to prepare for visitors and clearing the paths to make the land more presentable. Anyone who would like to help please do so.**

6) Proposal to move the music room to the guest house. I propose we utilize the main room in Jose's recently relinquished cabin as the music/hangout room. The garden room should be available for garden use. The garden room isn't big enough to support much of a jam session as its only big enough for a couple people. The instruments will be better protected in the guest house. Moving the music room to the more central location of the guest house will encourage us to come together musically more easily and often. **Denied.**

7) Youtube channel to be established and maintained as a way for us to teach others through instructional videos. Anyone who has a subject that they would like to work into video lesson form may post on YouTube connected with the Greenbriar name.

All videos posted on this channel must be instructional, creating a straight forward learning experience for any viewer.

All videos posted must be family friendly. A review process should be implemented in order to avoid posting anything inappropriate.

If approved Jonina will take responsibility for establishing and maintaining this project. Anyone who would like to participate should contact her. **Approved. Jonina and Thrice will collaborate to create the YouTube channel. A committee will be established in order to maintain this project. Anyone who would like to participate or post videos please contact them.**

8) New chalk board for the shop. A brand new chalk board the size we need was priced online for \$515.00.

Proposal: Approve a budget of \$520.00 for a new chalk board. **Approved.**

9) **The decision was made to ban Charlie from the property due to her recent actions(Facebook posts) and overall behavior. If you see her on the land please politely ask her to leave.**

Attendees: Camilo, Corey, Ron, Dale, Sammy, Brooke, Bryan, Samantha, Thrice, Greg, Jojo, Dave, Ollie, Helen, Jonina. I forgot to write down attendance last night so this list is from memory. I apologize if I left anyone out.

Please let me know if there are any corrections needed.

Jonina.

12/19/17 Agenda: So far...

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3) Discuss reaching out to lawyer to obtain legal representation. Highest priority subjects for a lawyer to review:

1. Establish rules and clarification pertaining to our liability regarding guests. Prepare a sign able waiver for guests to avoid possible litigation risk.
2. Discuss how best to establish the community as a separate entity from the school so far as is possible while both are Marsalom subsidiaries.
3. Outline proper legal procedure regarding corporate accounts to ensure we are operating on a Community funds vs. school funds donation schedule.
3. Discuss how best to establish outline and documentation regarding community educational benefit. "Lifetime learners", "Experiment in collaborative living", Etc.

4) Set a budget for current improvement projects. Allocate funds to be spent on repair/expansion of the laundry/shower rooms, Shop roof, and possible toilet facility options. Establishing this budget before the end of the year will allow us to retain community funds, separating them from the year end donation amount due to the school account. Suggested budget \$10,000-\$12,000.

5) Proposal to buy a wood chipper to manage problems regarding dead wood and overgrowth fire hazard.

Having a wood chipper on hand will:

1. Make land maintenance easier by eliminating the pile of fire hazard that results from clearing the road and trails.
2. Allow us to clear most of the dead wood from the forest when the time comes to make that project a priority. This will promote healthy tree/plant growth and will look amazing.
3. Produce a usable material from the excess wood.

On the scale that we will need to use this machine it would be best not to cut corners or buy a less effective product. Proposed budget to buy a wood chipper \$3,000. Based on internet research we could get something really good for around/under \$2,500. To permit a budget of \$3,000 would allow a little wiggle room to ensure we get a quality machine. If there is anyone who has knowledge regarding this type of machine please chime in.

Based on our current community account balance and overall 2017 earnings, both of these budget amounts could be fulfilled easily and still have a healthy year end school donation amount.

Minutes taken and posted by Jonina Sims.