

Community Relations Committee Minutes
January 8, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Louise Purdin

Attending:

Louise Purdin, Judy Dennington, Ralph Dennington, Kirby Smith, Valerie Harrison, Jole Williams, John Williams, Carol Homer

Old Business:

Foster Children Christmas Project was successful with 20 children receiving Christmas gifts. We began with \$661.31 in the account which we spent to provide luggage for each child. An additional \$1905 was donated by Surfside members, plus several children were sponsored by individuals. We currently have \$321.40 to carry over to this year's needs. DSHS told Louise about an organization, Luggage of Love, that provides luggage for foster children as their primary function, so probably we will not need to provide luggage next Christmas. Suggestions for future consideration: a) start collecting small general gifts, such as art supplies, early to make it easier to meet timelines, b) provide each child with a new bed pillow.

Gil Gonzalez joined our group to report on progress toward sheds that will alleviate our storage and transport problems. There will be two sheds on the Surfside HOA office property that can house equipment for our group functions. The new 8'x10' shed will also accommodate food service for the annual summer barbecue.

We need to complete thank you notes for all those who donated to our Foster Children Christmas Project. Louise and Judy divided the notes to complete after the meeting.

Bunco will be held at the SHOA office on Thursday, January 17 at 6:30. Valerie will be in charge of the evening and has requested assistance at 6:00 P.M. with setting up tables, etc. Louise has posted the event on our Facebook page and sent a notice to the Chinook Observer.

Our Italian potluck will be held on Saturday, January 19 at 5:00 P.M. The committee will arrive at 4:45 to set up. We need to post information on our Facebook page and in the Surfside Weekender. Each attendee will bring an Italian themed dish. Valerie requested that we email invitations to our Board members and their spouses.

New Business:

Ilwaco High School has simplified the scholarship application forms and asked for our input. Our suggestions are to include long term goals in the first essay, thus requiring only one essay. In addition, the new forms require paper clips only, no staples. We agreed that staples are more secure, and we have no objection to their use.

On February 9, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. we will host a Valentine's Day dessert potluck at the SHOA office. Judy will make a flyer for this event.

Louise reminded us of several ongoing tasks that are CRC responsibilities.

- We all need to keep bags ready and available for new Surfside members. Currently, there are 7 prepared so we will need to prepare more soon.
- Carol volunteered to take charge of collecting Box Tops for Education and delivering them to Ocean Park Elementary School.
- Ralph and Judy will continue placing information in the various display cases on Surfside association properties.
- Louise will continue handling news contacts.

Kirby reported on early planning accomplishments for the annual Surfside Golf Scramble in June.
Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Next meeting will be February 5, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. in the SHOA office.