



Cathy Thurston thanked the community for their support to the programs at the Art Gallery.

A job posting is up for a student position through government grants. This is for 8 weeks of full time work.

Cathy suggested to put a signage on Amherst side of the trail. She said that there has been 11 European Countries coming through over the years, 29 states from the US and provinces of the Northwest Territories.

A question from a community member was asked to Cathy regarding attendance to the workshops and the gallery – Cathy said there is approximately 1500 - 1700 people that come through the gallery during the summer months. This is tracked through their guest book.

Cathy told us about the exciting programs that are being offered at the Art Gallery this summer which begin the second week of June (Watercolor classes, Acrylics for Adults, Pottery Classes, Copperplate Etching, Pottery Wheel Sessions, Golden Artist Colors, and much more.

Rod thanked everyone for coming tonight. A Huge thank you to Nancy and Ross Baxter for their hard work with the siding and dugouts at the ball field.

### **3.4 Basement Painting**

Blair Andre and his wife painted the entire basement. This project is now completed! Big thank you to the both of them for their help.

### **3.5 Art Gallery Signage**

Rod explained to the members of the community that were in attendance the ideas for the new signage. Rod has talked to Mark Carter for pricing. Businesses that will go on the sign will be from the start of Tyndal Rd (Lawrences) as far as Port Howe. Northport would be the primary stop. The information on the sign would consist of Business names, phone numbers, and an arrow with details of exactly how far it is to the destination, and hope to include an app that can be downloaded on phones.

Question from community member: Is board getting into economic development?

Rod explained that we are just trying to replace what is broken and make it better for the community and visitors. The sign is just to promote the services in the area and our community.

Cathy Thurston stated that based on the questions they get at the gallery the new signage will be a big help for visitors.

A community member brought to our attention of the many visitors that speak French and to incorporate the French language on the new signage.

### **3.6 Insurance**

We have lost the ability to have programs, such as day camp, at the ball field due to the insurance issues.

Rod has put binders together to document everything (snow removal, incident reports, etc). Piercy does the documentation in the binder. At end of year the binder will be presented to the Insurance Company to renew the insurance, which will hopefully lower the cost or prevent the cost from rising with these documents.

### **3.7 Wild Game Supper**

The Wild Game supper has been booked for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Rod thanked the thirteen people who have dedicated their time from day 1 of the start of this Wild Game Supper and to the end of last year's supper. The same people have shown up and worked hard to make this event be so successful.

## **4. Presidents' Report (Rod)**

As stated above, Rod updated the community on all of the projects that have now been completed (windows, siding, dugouts & siding). He also updated the community on new ideas and projects (signage at Art Gallery). Rod is hoping for a 3 to 5 year strategic plan for all of the buildings: Funding, manpower and resources to run the programs.

Last year the Community Center provided funding for two new fitness instructors.

Would like to hold a big event similar to Wild Game in August at the Community Center. Looking into the possibility of a Seafood event in August. There will be another meeting to brain storm more ideas.

Would like ideas on programs designed specifically for seniors and school aged children. Rod would like to see the kitchen busier than it is now. Rod stated that we are always looking for new programs and ideas to increase the use of the building.

Rod talked about the personal attacks to board members via facebook and social media. Rod stated if anyone has an issue to please contact one of us personally, or even come to a meeting and to please not put it on social media. This will be put on the website.

## **5. AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Alan Morrison read the report from Alan Morrison and Jonathan McMaster stating they have audited the books for the fiscal year. Everything is in order and up to date. Rod thanked Alan and John for their work. Alan thanked Nancy for all of her hard work in keeping the books up to date.

## **6. BUDGET**

Nancy presented the budget for 2018/2019 fiscal year. The main items for expenses include the new windows and siding. Revenues have been estimated via the most recent finances. The goal is to run a budget near \$0, as a non-profit organization.

Revenue Year to Date: \$57,262.24

Expenses Year to Date: \$55,227.45

Working Capital : \$32,418.94

Total Cost to run Hall: \$48,037.97

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **7.1 Festival**

Melissa Downey stated that everything has been booked. Some of the events that will be held during the festival include the softball tournament, local 4h club, balloon animals, yoga at the beach, striders club, breakfast both days, and many more. If anyone wants to volunteer let Melissa know. Inflatables cost have been brought down a lot. Instead of them bringing their own staff we are looking to hire 4 local people who will be paid to run the bouncy castles and some of the other childrens' activities.

Rod stated that our focus this year is to try to make this a more family orientated event. He has asked our local fire department to bring some of their gear over and the possibility to bring a piper in. Looking for more volunteers and ideas.

### **7.2 Kitchen**

New items have been purchased for the kitchen such as steamer trays and serving trays.

Looking for new ideas to bring more use to the kitchen.

Corrine Millner asked for use of the kitchen to make coffee for music. **Music starts on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Piercy and Rod have keys and they will coordinate it to make it work.**

### **7.3 Art Gallery**

Noted above

## **8. Nominations for Board Members**

We currently have six Board Members. The board calls for 10 members. We are at the point where if someone gets sick or quits we will not be able to continue.

Daniella MacKay looked after the bookings and has put in her resignation. We are now in the process of looking for someone to take over. Thank you to Daniella for all of her hard work.

Jack nominated Blair Andres.

Bill Dowe nominated Joe (Sebastian)

Rod welcomed both of our new board members

**9. Volunteer of the year**

Ross and Nancy Baxter were voted for Volunteer of the Year!

**10. Issues for members to bring forward from the floor**

A community member stated that the kids' activities at the festival last year was not that busy and not that inviting coming through the parking lot due to the alcohol issue. It was suggested that we consider having the kids' activities in Provincial Park. The issue with this idea is whether or not we have enough insurance to make this possible.

Alcohol at the festival has been an issue for a number of years and if it continues to be an issue or a worse issue then we may have to cancel the ball tournaments and continue with the kids' activities.

**We were asked if we are responsible for people leaving the ball field drinking and driving. We need to look into this.**

**It was suggested we have a beer tent at the festival that way people can be more discrete with drinking. This idea needs to be looked into more.**

A community member suggested that a spreadsheet for volunteers be created on the website for each event for what they will be doing, etc.

The music program is looking for physical help twice a month before and after the event with setting up and taking down, sweeping, etc. There is a lot of heavy lifting and a lot of the people that attend this event are not able to do the lifting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Corrine Milner seconded by Joe. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

**12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by : Angela Marks – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

