

MINUTES
North Mason Community Voice
December 18, 2006

Meeting called to order by Bev Wendell at 7:04 P.M. at the Theler Community Center

Board of Directors present: Bev Wendell, Mike Greene, Lee Swoboda, Randy Neatherlin, Jim Clark, Jacquelyn Mastel, Brooke Quigley and Bruce Jackson

Absent: Judy Scott, Ralph Lartz, and Naomi McClarrinon

Attendees: 22

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ' ACTIONS

Minutes of the November 20, 2006 meeting were read.

A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Randy Neatherlin and second by Mike Greene. Motion passes unanimous by voice vote.

Treasurer's report:

Jim Clark reports that we have \$538.08 in the bank after paying the Theler bill of \$35 and \$60 for use of the reader board.

Lee Swoboda reports we have received the State of Washington Department of Revenue Tax form for this year.

REGULAR MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP

Health Care Committee Report

Mike Greene says we have had two meetings last month at the Belfair Fire Department.

The first on November 29 had the people from Harrison Hospital showing us what could be done.

Scott Bosch, the CEO of Harrison, liked our idea of splitting the Hospital District into a North and South Mason County Districts. He said he would talk to Bob Apple at the Mason County Hospital about this idea.

At this meeting, we understand that he did speak with Mr. Apple and he thought it to be a good idea.

At this time 84% of the here are going North to Harrison for Health Care issues.

Our options at this time are:

1. To do nothing and leave things as they are.
2. Seek local control by establishing a Hospital District for North Mason County , using the School District boundaries as a border.

Option #2 can be accomplished in one of two ways:

1. Separation of the existing Hospital District with the help Of the Mason County Hospital board.
2. Without the Hospital District cooperation we could have a petition for withdrawal per Washington State Law RCW 70.44.400 chapter 57.28.

This requires 10% of the registered voters in the last election and then it can be put on the ballot for a vote of the people in the proposed new Hospital District. With 50% plus one vote it would qualify for a new district.

The tax rate would remain the same. We would then have \$480,000 a year to apply against building of a new clinic in the Belfair area.

There is a \$.37 per \$1000 evaluation being paid currently for an operations levy for the Hospital District.

We would also elect our own Hospital Commissioners at that time and they would contract with Harrison or who ever they thought best to staff the Clinic.

A good discussion followed on the advantage of doing this and how it would save a lot of time for Emergency Responder so they would not have to drive to Kitsap County .

Right now 15% of trips could be taken care of locally if there were a place to do this.

A motion was made to have a Health Care Forum on Saturday February 24, 2007 at the Theler Center. Motion made by Mike Greene and second by Brooke Quigley. The motion passes unanimous by voice vote.

The January meeting may have the person from the Mason County Humane Society give a presentation.

A motion was made to have Bruce Jackson approach the Allyn Community Association to have a presentation of the Aquatic and Wellness Center they are working on at our January meeting. The motion was made by Brooke Quigley and second by Lee Swoboda. Motion passes unanimous by voice vote.

Good of the Order:

Marjorie Benson thinks we need to advertise where the Emergency Shelters are in the area better when a need arises.

Mike Greene said they will get better at this next time the need is here.

Mike Greene also stated he is interviewing for a Fire Chief's job in the Reno, Nevada area. Good luck Mike!!

Motion to adjourn by Randy Neatherlin, second by Mike Greene. Motion passes unanimous by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 P. M.

Submitted by Bruce Jackson, Secretary. Approved by NMCV Board January 15, 2007.