PCFC Electronic Meeting

September 13th. 2023

 ***PLEASE NOTE ANY VOTING ITEMS WILL HAVE AN \* BY THE SUBJECT***

Ongoing Business

\* **August meeting minutes** ~ Are there any changes, suggestions, etc for the meeting minutes sent out August 30th?

**Website updates ~** Tanner will give us all a report on what the updates are and when they were achieved.

**Expo location/ PREF ~** Liz met with Hannah from PREF and we had a long conversation about the pros and cons of our holding the Expo at the PREF. She understands our hesitations and the reality of the different locations. Having said that, she said she would bend over backwards, along with Jason, to help us bring everything back to what it once was up there. That includes having a harvest ready to go ~ she is thinking the entrance area where we had our very first harvest demonstration ~ getting all the trails up and running and in good shape, having all the buildings we normally utilize ready, making sure the weather station is a part of it and whatever other assistance we may need.

A lot of the conversation centered around me showing her the photos from past Expo’s and she was, truly, completely impressed. Apparently, she has been hearing from other FS folks who have helped with the Expo in the past and they are really hoping we can bring the event “back home.”

We also spoke about the other programs we have held up there ~ the forestry class tours. She was really excited to get those back up there as well.

Liz did mention that we are trying to go for RAC dollars for our funding and that holding the event on FS ground is a definite plus. So for now, Liz is going to present the Expo as being on FS ground with the FS/RMRS’s full support. I also asked her to look into the More Kids In The Woods funding that I used to get through RMRS. I looked into it but I can not access the site so she is going to see what she can do. She is also going to bring Matt Davis into the whole thing ~ and that is a plus because he is really gung ho about the program.

**\**I still need Carl, Tanner and Mike’s vote on this!!***

**Insurance ~** Liz presented everyone with the details of John Nacarroto’s proposal for premises insurance. Jim responded with a number of thoughts and that has all being defined by John. It comes down to us getting this insurance for $511.00/year for $1 million coverage over and above what the building carries itself. Very similar to what we had at the school district’s place.

Financials

Please look at the financials Melissa Cooper sent out on September 7th. If you need me to resend them, let me know.

PORP Trail

**Grants ~**  Liz has not yet heard anything from the grants she has applied for.

**Wetland signs ~** Liz and Mike met with Jennae (graphics person) about the wetland signs. She is definitely interested in doing this. We asked her to let us know what an estimated cost would be. Jennae’s response:

“After our conversation with Mike on Tuesday and the information given about that the vision was for the signs, I would estimate the time to design and plan between 25-60 hours. The range is on the wider side without having seen what content will be provided like verbiage, photos, etc. This time frame also includes edit time in case we have to go back and tweak some things.

When it comes to my costs, from calling around, the hourly price for most graphic designers in our area is $75 - $120 an hour. Starting out with my business I like to charge $60 an hour, however my focus wants to be to help nonprofits and work with them to come up with what fits their budgets. This being said, I wanted to see how you felt about $45 an hour. This would put the estimated cost for this project between $1,125 - $2,700.

Thank you again! I really can't express how excited I am to have this opportunity and be a part of this incredible project for our amazing community!”

Liz has not responded with an answer. We told her until we hear from the Tribe about funding, we did not have a timeframe, but it was probably going to be a winter project so the signs and benches can be installed first thing in the Spring.

**\*NEXT MEETING ~ Liz will not be back until October 6th and the following week is, of absolute importance, elk hunting. So, should we meet on October 18th?**