

**TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANURARY 28, 2009
NEW COMMUNITY CENTER**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiesling called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Assembly members in attendance were Kenneth Kiesling, Freda Donica, Wilbert Ryan, Mary Ann Closson. Anthony Da Silva was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mary Ann Closson moved to approve the agenda.

It was seconded by Freda Donica and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Freda Donica moved to approve the minutes of 10-29-08.

It was seconded by Wilbert Ryan and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

II. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administrator Reports

Administrator Mary Wheeler stated that halfway through the fiscal year all classes are under budget and all are ahead in income. Mary attended some workshops in Santa Fe for the DFA who now wants all reports on different forms. Mary is hoping to soon take over the duties of a Contract Accountant. There is \$16,000 outstanding in property taxes. The State Auditor has given permission to the Town Auditor to (Print the Report). We are in the process of getting reimbursed for the road project. Two trees have been planted on the front lawn donated by the Art Guild. Town Hall is looking into solar energy. Qwest is no longer going to estimate dates for the DSL.

2. Art Guild

Grace Carey spoke on behalf of the Art Guild thanking the community for the continuing support. Grace reminds everyone that there are passes to great venues in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, such as the New Mexico Symphony, Santa Fe Children's Museum and the Albuquerque Art Museum. Passes are available in the Library, compliments of the Library. The library has a great schedule of programs for the Spring. There was a great program last month presented by Alan Pace. A presentation by Snowflake Flower will be held February 3rd with the creation of Story Telling. In March, Andy Metal will be a quest speaker about his book that was published last year. At this time April calendar has not been finalized. In May, Jenny Pridgen will be guest speaker. Grace thanked everyone for all their support.

3. Beautification, Memorial Park

Barbara Hinnenkamp represented the committee stating that there has been a lot of improvement to the Memorial Park. Lukas Garrett has been taking very good

care of all the trees in the park. A stonewall will be built in the new area of the park. The Beautification Team is in the process of creating an entryway into the Park. They are hoping to get electricity to the park for lighting and a sprinkler system. Last year all the trees and sage brush in the back of the park were cleaned up. Barbara asked the Community what they would like to see in the park. There was a great response for a Community Garden. There are about 20 volunteers for the park and more are needed for the Community Garden. A shed is needed for the park to store equipment and supplies. Donations are always very appreciated. The roses are doing great.

4. Cochiti Lake Redevelopment Planning Committee

Barb Hinnenkamp stated that the Committee began in 2007 with New Mexico Main Street involved in helping with guidance through a process of developing a Community Center and getting a conceptual design for a Fire House and rehabbing the Library. With that, a grant was received that lasted 8 months. From there it led to developing a cordial and cooperative working relationship with CCDC and the Pueblo. The Cochiti Lake Redevelopment Planning Committee is focusing on building a new Fire House.

5. Community Fund

Julie Cresswell stated that the Community Fund is scrupulous about meetings and have revised their bylaws. The Community Fund no longer makes loans, only grants to residents or committees or groups in good standing of The Town of Cochiti Lake. There are applications for grants in the Town Hall and Library and online at www.cochitilake.org. The entire processes of applications are completely confidential. There will be two vacancies on the Community Fund with the election taking place in April.

6. Disaster Response Planning

No report was given.

7. Election Board

Bill Riker spoke on behalf of the Election Board stating that with the resignation of Mary Ellen Jewell a position is open on the Board. Bill Riker thanked Mary Ellen for all the years she donated to the Election Board. The Election Board is getting ready for the elections in April. There are 3 vacancies on the Assembly and 2 on the Community Fund Committee. There are open meetings if anyone is interested.

8. Fire Department

Mary Wheeler represented the Fire Department stating that for the year 2008, There were 436 ambulance calls of which 216 were cancelled. 182 transports to the hospital. 9% of those calls were from the Town of Cochiti Lake, 9% from the Pueblo, 11% from Pena Blanca, 2% from Sile, 52% from Santo Domingo, 17% from I25. There were 67 fire calls. 3 structure fires in Pena Blanca. The Fire Chief is available from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through

Friday. He can check your blood pressure, blood glucose, and hook you up to the heart monitor. Fire Chief Calvin Miller took a CEVO course on instruction and is now a certified instructor of the course. The Fire Department passed their Pharmacy inspection and the big PRC inspection. Volunteers are always needed. There is a business meeting every month, medical training the 2nd Thursday, Fire training the 3rd Thursday with training in between all of that.

9. Friends of Cochiti Lake

Nancy Hart represented the committee stating that they would like to thank everyone who responded with contributions. Meetings are held quarterly and as needed. The Friends of Cochiti Lake are finalizing their agenda for the summer season, hoping to broaden their horizons with more concerts such as the Sandia Hots. Friends of Cochiti Lake are 501(c)3 approved, a non profit organization. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

10. Hospitality

Marge Knightly stated that she and Mary Ann Closson call on all new residents to receive a welcoming basket filled with all kinds of important information from the Town and surrounding areas. Baskets contain phone numbers and Town license plate for example. If you are a new resident and have not received your welcome basket, call Town Hall or refer to your Town of Cochiti Lake Directory.

11. Joint Commission

Jim Hamilton represented the Joint Commission stating that the official name is The Joint Commission on Pueblo Town Relations. The Town Assembly appoints 2 individuals and an alternate to represent the Town of Cochiti Lake at the Joint Commission. This Commission meets once a month with the Tribal Governor, Lt Governor and CEO of CCDC. The Joint Commission has met 7 times this year. Any concerns can be referred to the Town Assembly.

12. Library

Library Director Mary Badarak stated the Library continues to be the busiest and the most happening place in town with more than 50 guests in one day. Demand for computer use has prompted Mary to upgrade service. Computers are available for all to use. The Library has a great collection of DVDs with over 600 titles. Friday Night Movies will resume in the summer time.

13. Recycling

Jim Hamilton stated that thanks to a grant from the Community Fund, in October of 2007 your recycling center was started. Jim was happy to announce that the recycling center has just about reached its max. The committee will reconvene to figure out how to expand the center. The Recycling Center is open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are over 30 volunteers that have helped, a truck is needed to transport the recycling. Jim thanked everyone who has participated and volunteered in the recycling program.

14. Rock & Mineral

Marlene Miller represented the club stating that the club has been in kind of a limbo since the departure of Ray Alexander and Nan Stackhouse. The club has become more of a traveling club that needs some restructuring.

15. Zoning

No report was given.

III. TOWN HALL REPORTS

Mary Ann Closson reported that there has been some vandalism in town that is very disturbing. Mary Ann urged people to keep a lookout and call the Sheriff if there is any kind of disturbance and urged everyone to be aware.

Mayor Pro Tem Freda Donica thanked everyone who came to the Town meeting gathering. She hoped to do the same in the future with as much good food and wonderful fellowship.

Wilbert Ryan thanked all the volunteers for the continued hard work. A lot of good things are happening in The Town of Cochiti Lake and he encourages more people to volunteer. He stated that volunteering makes you feel good when you do good things for the community.

Mayor Kiesling also thanked all the volunteers and mentioned that there are Elections in April with 3 positions on the Assembly and 2 on the Community Fund. Mayor Kiesling thanked Joseph Suina the Director of CCDC for the New Community Center, He also thanked the Town for the great turnout which is a symbol of appreciation.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Town Meeting, April 29, 2009

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Ann Closson moved to adjourn the meeting.

It was seconded by Freda Donica and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Kenneth Kiesling, Mayor

Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk