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December 4 Meeting minutes

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City Hall, Medical Lake, WA.

6-6:30 PM Journeyman class instructed by Jim Miller- "Spring Management".

6:30-7:00 PM Education by Ellen Miller – "Life of a Honeybee" – "days and tasks".

7:07 The Meeting was called to order by V.P. Don.

20 members were in attendance, with 3 officers.

Secretary's minutes had been corrected and amended previous to meeting. They were approved as amended. A motion was tabled until New Business whether the treasury balance should be written in the minutes.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Research Committee. No report

Membership shows the addition of our new members via the apprenticeship classes.

Education Committee

- Don first thanked Ellen and Marilyn for doing a wonderful job of coordinating the education program.
- Don asked anyone interested in giving an education presentation to speak up or see one of them regarding doing so. He also asked the membership for ideas regarding topics to be discussed during education presentations.
- The 2nd year beekeeping class is moving forward with Ari and Margo spearheading the development of the curriculum for that. The class will be held at the Pizza Factory on January 24th, probably at 1PM. Day and time confirmation will be online.
- Our new standing banner with club logo was presented to the membership. It is beautifully designed.
- The newest beginning beekeeping classes were held over three weekends at the Pizza Factory and went well. Jim and Sandy were thanked for their efforts in teaching those. More classes are being offered in the next couple of months.

Old Business

- Sherry is trying to update and fix our email list. She will bring it to the next month's meeting as well for the membership to check/confirm/correct email addresses.
- Jack Miller gave a progress report on the work being done with the club website. The goal is to have a site that is easier to maintain, cheaper, with a little more "pizazz". Also, that a club member will be the administrator of this new page. He is having some problems "unlocking" the current site in order to move that information to a new site. We are paying for the current host, but Patrick Miller has offered to allow our club to use his account on the host Dream Host for free. They will move forward in this direction.
- Discussion was held regarding Martina doing the banner design for free, but her time designing the new web page is not free – though very reasonable- and that cost has already been approved by the membership.
- Don asked that at the January meeting we reconstitute the **Media and Publications Committee** to work in concert with our online group as well as do a better job of advertising our classes and club activities in the area. He asked if we had anyone who would volunteer to lead this new committee over the next month, and try to gather more volunteers, etc. Sherry said she would.
- Discussion was held as to whether the club should continue to meet at the City Hall or move. Also, more discussion was held as to whether the club should change the meeting nights from the 1st Friday of each month to another night.
 - a. We have not paid for the City Hall room rent past the December meeting.
 - b. The 1st Friday of January is on January 1st. More members said they could come to a meeting on the 15th than on the 1st.
 - c. The Pizza Factory is still available to us for free.
 - d. It was noted that the last time the club moved meetings away from the Pizza Factory that the membership dropped off as it seemingly has done again.
 - e. We are not a priority to City Hall, and like tonight are not guaranteed priority use of the room.
 - f. The new owners at the Pizza Factory seem very motivated to have us back.
- Vote – it was moved to change the January meeting to the 3rd Friday of the month, January 15, 2016. Vote passed.
- Vote – it was moved to change the January 15th, 2016 meeting place to the Pizza Factory. Vote passed.
- Regarding the January meeting date and place – confirmation with Pizza Factory will be made and Ellen will post on the webpage.

New Business

- The membership is being asked to consider over the next month if we should move back to the Pizza Factory permanently, and if we should change the meeting night permanently.
 - a. It was noted that several 1st Fridays fall on or near holiday/holiday weekends.

7:53 The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Fanara, Secretary

