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The Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Recreation District No. 3 met on Monday, November 27, 2023, in the meeting room at the Bayou Vista Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Brian Head-Chairman, Lane Boudreaux-Vice Chairman, Javon Charles, Dr. Jeffrey Fitter, Eddie Gay, Calvin Johnson, Rachel Kidder

Absent: Mark Richard-Manager, Monica Lestage-Board Secretary

Guests: David Hill-Council Elect, Angie Guillotte-Office Manager, Calley Williams-Activities Director, Hona and Lianne Seumanu

The meeting was called to order.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Guests were welcomed.

The agenda was amended to include discussion of salary increase for Kevin Thomas and Bayou Horseshoes request to use gym December 5, 2023. Motion was made by Rachel Kidder to accept the additions to the agenda. After a second by Calvin Johnson, and all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes from the October meeting was approved as circulated by motion from Javon Charles, seconded by Dr. Fitter. All being in favor, motion carried.

Accounts payable was approved by motion from Eddie Gay. After a second by Dr. Fitter, and all in favor, motion carried. The budget for the Fall Festival and the Anniversary-Christmas lighting was included in the packet. The parish council contributed \$1,000.00 to the Christmas lighting, which was greatly appreciated.

Angie Guillotte presented the Community Center report. The meeting room had 2 events, baby shower and baptism party. Clubhouse-8 birthday parties, Noah's Pavilion-2, gym rentals-4, batting cage-2 and 8-gym practices.

Many positive comments were received from the public about the recent events at the community center. Volunteer help was appreciated including some of the previous Bayou Vista Garden Club members. It has been deemed an event committee is definitely needed.

Angie gave the manager/maintenance report, in Marks absence. Signs for central park were made and installed, two benches were repaired in the park, some receptacles were repaired, at the center and golf course and fifteen 300w corncob LED bulbs were installed in the gym. Pro Engine repaired the skag and two weed eaters. Ralph's Electronics replaced the battery backup. Mark is still waiting on one quote to strip and wax floors.

Lane Boudreaux discussed the need for camera upgrades at central park. Four cameras have been out, two near the tennis courts and towards the back of the skate park. Southern Telecom will prepare a proposal for the December meeting. Estimated costs are between \$3,000.00 and \$5,000.00. The coax cable that is in conduit needs to be replaced first, before the camera's operations can be tested. The old system is analog but the new system would be digital and NDAA compliant, with an NRV recorder.

Carl Blum is still awaiting word from Baton Rouge concerning the roof project.

Javon Charles made a motion to move the volleyball discussion to the next item of business. After a second from Rachel Kidder, motion carried.

Hona and Lianne Seumanu informed the board that they started a private volleyball club, Cajun Coast Volleyball. There will be four teams and a developmental team. They requested use of the gym from 3:30-8:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays from December to April. With tryouts producing 50 girls, more gym time is needed for practice. With other requests for practice space on those same days, a decision was tabled until the next meeting. Lane Boudreaux made a motion for them to continue to honor the current agreement for gym use until a decision can be reached. After a second from Calvin Johnson, and all in favor, motion carried.

Javon Charles offered a motion to move the December meeting to the 18th, since the regular meeting date falls on Christmas day. Dr. Fitter made a second to the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

A Valentines fundraiser was discussed. Calley Williams presented the board with a plan to hold a Valentines banquet on February 10, 2024. There would be a DJ playing dance music, finger foods and decorations. There will be a cover charge. This function will be alcohol free for adults over 18. She expressed appreciation to the board for the support shown with all the new activities. Javon Charles made a motion to set the budget at \$1,000.00. After a second from Eddie Gay, and all in favor, motion carried. Sponsorship tiers was suggested by Mr. Charles, as well as volunteer help being properly vetted.

Discussion was held concerning the pay rate for Kevin Thomas. He is a good worker with diligent attendance. The manager needs to evaluate the employees at the end of each year in preparation for an annual step raise, if performance warrants. Brandon is step 8 and Kevin, maintenance tech, was increased to step 7 by motion from Javon Charles, seconded by Calvin Johnson, and approved by all. Motion carried.

Morgan City High requested a donation for Project Graduation. Dr. Fitter offered a motion to donate 10 VIP passes. After a second from Calvin Johnson, and all in favor, motion carried.

Agin' Cajun activities for school board employees will begin January 29, 2024 and be held four consecutive Wednesdays. Council on Aging will announce as well as flyers placed on the senior plate lunches in Patterson. Rachel Kidder made a motion to increase Calley's hours as needed, not to exceed 32 hours per week. After a second from Lane Boudreaux, and all in favor, motion carried.

Rejoining the Chamber of Commerce will be considered at the next monthly meeting.

The board discussed the availability of the gym to all that request to rent it for practices. The fee, in the past, has been \$10.00 for two hours. It was determined the need for a separate rate for non-profit and for profit. Lane Boudreaux made a motion that the rates need to be discussed with Hona. The gym may not be secured for longer than two weeks in advance. After a second by Calvin Johnson, and all in favor, motion carried.

LWCC procedures need to reviewed and the district's protocol be adopted.

United Healthcare for employees was approved by motion from Javon Charles. After a second from Rachel Kidder, and all in favor, motion carried. Policy is in effect January 1, 2024.

The gym and building is in need of a new sound system. Motion was made by Javon Charles to search for companies and gather prices. After a second from Dr. Fitter, and all in favor, motion carried.

Christmas decorations for next year was discussed. Illuminating the walking trail with Christmas lights was discussed. It was decided to table till next year by motion from Rachel Kidder, seconded by Lane Boudreaux, and approved by all. Motion carried.

A Car and Bike Show is scheduled to be held in the parking lot May 18, 2024. The parish will be contacted to see if a permit is needed, for the noise. It was tabled until that question is answered by motion from Lane Boudreaux. After a second by Javon Charles, and all in favor, motion carried.

Bayou Horseshoes would like to hold a meeting at the clubhouse meeting room on December 5, 2023. The request was approved by motion from Rachel Kidder, seconded by Dr. Fitter, and approved by all. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, motion to adjourn was made by Javon Charles. With a second from Dr. Fitter, and all in favor, motion carried.


Brian Head, Chairman


Monica Lestage, Secretary