

Guffey Community Association Minutes 7/20/11

The meeting was called to order by Flip Boettcher at 6:03 PM.

Attending were Flip Boettcher, Debbie and Dick Elsner, Jon Klima, Carmen Slagle, Don Davis, Karen Frerichs, Mary Curtis, Carol Todd, Roberta Smith, Joan LePage, Lani Gossett and Fergie Ferguson.

Minutes of May and June were read by Lani Gossett

The heater in the community building was repaired. It was hoped that it was the right heater that was making the smoke alarm sound. Pool cues have been used to make holes in the ceiling – it is not known who might be responsible.

Guffey Gorge – cars are still parking on the road. 25 tickets were issued over July 4 weekend. The tickets are only \$35, which is just what parking costs in Colorado Springs, so apparently they don't care. People are also parking on the BLM land that burned. On July 4, some girl dove off of the rocks and landed on her back. Her friends brought her out without waiting for EMC and may have hurt her worse. Ginger said the cops are out there every weekend giving tickets. Karen F. suggested that if someone gets badly hurt and paralyzed, maybe they would pay more attention. Perhaps if they increased the fine, it might make a bigger difference. The land has trash, human waste, and empty beer bottles on it. It was asked if the public health department have jurisdiction. Apparently, because it is BLM land, it would have to be the federal health department that would have jurisdiction.

A yellow lab and a golden retriever were found.

By laws: line by line corrections

Community resource directory: "bit by bit" – Great Divide Printing in Woodland Park can make an 8x5 directory. Municipal services – police, fire, county on front and back cover. 4x5 1/2 = 48 pages with 6 ads/page. 500 with colored cover would cost \$1000 or \$2 each; 500 with B/W cover would cost \$925 or \$1.85 each. 300 colored cover would cost \$675 or \$2.25 each; B/W \$630 or \$2.10 each. Mailing costs: letter size to 395 Guffey postal patrons costs \$173.8 (approx 3-4 pages folded and stapled.) Including mailing cost, 500 with colored cover would cost \$2.45 each; with black and white cover, \$2.30 each; 300 colored cover, \$2.70 each; 300 with black and white, \$2.55 each. Tentative cost of listing per year: \$5 x 268 ads = \$1440 less publication and mailing of \$1174 = \$266 profit. Carol said that a 200 page cookbook was \$40 each. It was moved and seconded that money be provided for mail-out, money for copies included.

Mary Curtis puts out a community newsletter of special events.

9 Health Fair: Mary Curtis will be site coordinator. Volunteers are still needed. Training should have already started. Lani and Flip will be cashiers. No money from the fire department, but a \$500 grant from IREA will cover food. Nurses from Canon can draw blood, and nurses from Pikes Peak Regional Hospital also said they would volunteer. Medical tech from Canon will be lab supervisor. Qwest Diagnostics will provide all the lab supplies for the blood draws as well as centrifuges. There will be a

comprehensive lab test. Tests may include PSA for men, Vitamin D3, bone density, and possibly a hearing test. Mary Ann Melvin and Linda Stanley did eye tests before, and Mary Ann said she would do them again, and an optometrist from Canon said he would give eye exams. Mary said she thinks it will be the first weekend in May. "To Build a Generation" from Teller county has stated they could sponsor us by providing a grant for vouchers for people who can't afford the tests and will man a booth for substance abuse education. Teller County testing will have a booth.

Carmen helps individuals get the health resources they need. She works with everyone who wants health and education. Could help with the elderly. May have a booth to explain what she does.

Jon reported for the school board. Investigation was completed and they found no wrong-doing. All procedures were followed. Everything was cleared up.

Richard Elsner – Park County Republican chairman spoke about the caucuses. They start at the local grass roots level to influence politics. There are 16 states that have caucuses. Iowa is the furthest east; most are in the west. Colorado has a closed caucus. To participate, one must be registered as a Republican or Democrat. This year the caucus will be March 6 (amendment: Republican caucus is scheduled for Feb 7, and Democrat on March 6, 2012). Participants must live in the precinct for 30 days prior to the caucus and be registered with a party for 30 days. The caucus is to have everybody locally get together to chart the course of the party. Anybody who shows up can be a temporary chairman. Dems allocate people to state assembly and Reps do it at the county level rather than local. Dems have only one candidate, but Reps will have to have a presidential preference poll. Two precinct committee persons are elected to represent the precinct at the County Central Committee until the next caucus (which traditionally takes place every two years). Everything in the caucus is self-nominating. Anybody can do it. If there are more volunteers than positions to be filled, there will be a vote. The party has to notify everyone when and where each meeting will be. The place has to comply with disability act. Typically the polling is at the community building. Guffey will probably have 5 delegates and 5 alternates for county assembly. Park County has 2 positions open for commissioners. County assembly – the party designates candidates to ballot. Need 30% of vote to be on ballot, or 10% of votes to petition on. Parties designate candidates to go to primary, then choose who goes to state – one of 19 people at state assembly. Maybe 43 delegates go to national assembly. Someone from Park County may go to the National convention. You pay all of your own costs. Start at local level. Everything is covered by state law. Delegates are separate from the precinct people. Each precinct gets 2 people elected for 2 years. If you want to have an impact on the local govt, this is how to start. If you get involved, you can change things. Resolutions are voted on at the precinct level at the caucus to see if they go to county assembly. Everyone at county assembly gets to vote on resolutions. Then it goes to the state level. The Statesmen is a non-partisan newspaper – it writes about resolutions that were posed. In Colorado, caucuses, then primary. If you don't belong to a party, you cannot vote in primary. If it's all electoral college, why vote? Electoral college gives more votes to the winner. Colorado has 9 electoral votes, so candidates come here to get more votes. Some people don't like it but it's the way things go – promotes 2 party system. The President needs majority of the electoral votes. The popular vote at the state level elects the President. HD60 – State representative seat open. Dems and Reps

need to look at submitting someone. At the State Assembly, you get to meet all of the candidates. Central committee of Reps is in Fairplay. The votes go from precinct to county to state to national.

The Green cross represents medical marijuana.

Burro Day is last weekend in July.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM

Submitted by Lani Gossett, Secretary.