



ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES OF AUGUST 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

Present: Christensen and Lutke

Absent: Bahle

Staff present: Fay

Reports

The Treasurer's report was submitted by DeVol and can be found in this meeting packet.

Film Proposal – Keith Lamie

Mr. Famie, Visionalist Entertainment Productions, appeared via Zoom and presented his film proposal stating he does educational documentaries for PBS. Recently Famie premiered a car film in Suttons Bay, and is currently filming a documentary in Northport on homelessness and food insecurity. While in Suttons Bay, he realized Suttons Bay had such a rich history, thus his request to do a film on Suttons Bay history for the community and for marketing purposes. He stated that while in the area, he met with Fred Sitkins from Inland Seas which launched an idea to begin the film. The goal would be to start filming in the fall for a spring 2024 premier. Council would be actively involved and able to view the progress with the ability to tweak the film.

Mr. Famie stated funding for the film would be sought from individuals, local leaders, businesses, historians and organizations.

Historians (who would be featured in the film teaching the history) and historical photos are needed.

If the Village is interested in pursuing the film proposal, Mr. Lamie would arrange to show some of his films at the Bay Theatre.

Lamie stated expectations would be heavy involvement from Village Council including recommending resources to raise funding, obtaining historical photos and historical articles, and recommending historians.

Committee members had the following concerns:

Committee members feel that although the idea of the film is exciting, there is hesitancy to endorse due to the subjective nature of who the historians/historical individuals are. They would not want to leave important individuals out stressing the importance of fair representation and inclusiveness of all historical individuals as well as the historians themselves. Committee feels Council members lack knowledge/expertise of who these individuals are. It is very important the story to be accurate and inclusive.

Is this a better fit for the DDA?

Committee would like time to discuss the proposal with the Manager, and would want a consensus from all Council members.

Mr. Lamie will send a link to trailers of some of the films he has done to Christensen and Lutke.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Meeting notes submitted by Shar Fay, Clerk.