

Westport Village Society

Annual Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2012 at Church

Board members attending: Dorine Real, Lois Senger, Jeff Whitehouse, Bill Knapp, Thad Van Bueren, Liza Saenz, Steve Brigham, with Lee Tepper attending as WVS Secretary

Guests: Donna M Traycik, Mildred Saunders, Jeff Saunders, Darlyne Gunderson, Rob Scott, Rosalie Scott, Joel Johnson, Betty Johnson, Jim Genereux, Bert Roberts, Margaret Roberts, Rebecca Picard, John Allison, Baile Oakes, David Brothers, Nita Regalia, Steven Brown, Andrea Classick, David Classick, Melinda McLaughlin, Tamara Whitney, Margie Gustafson, John (Gus) Gustafson, Jim Havlena, Barb Anderson, George Lancaster, Nedra Lancaster, Gary Quinton.

6:40pm: The meeting opened with a few minutes of socializing featuring a slide show of images compiled by Thad Van Bueren and others from the soon to be released *Belonging to Places*. More later.

7:05pm: WVS President Thad Van Bueren welcomed everyone. He noted this was the 20th anniversary of the incorporation of the Westport Village Society. The original cadre of activists and those that followed have produced and nurtured the Headlands, the Ducky Race, the History Project, the *Wave* and numerous community benefit projects.

The year in review: Thad, with some help from his friends and the Mendocino Historical Review, has produced a stellar publication about Westport and its environs. Titled *Belonging to Places*, this 100+ page historical publication lays out the evolution of *Coastal Communities and Landscapes between Ten Mile River and Cottoneva Creek*. For locals this is a real page turner. Good job Thad.

The *Wave* under editor, Steve Brigham continues to keep the community informed and entertained.

Steve and David Brother have created a community garden in the school's greenhouse.

Also, this year, the WVS' web site has been spiffed up. Check out www.westportvillagesociety.org.

The Ducky Race was held on Mother's Day and succeeded in raising the funds needed to ensure the Headlands as well as providing local families with a happy way to support WVS. Election of two board members: Jeff Homer Whitehouse and Liza Saenz-Bernards term's are up. Both were willing to accept new terms but after some discussion two community members expressed an interested in serving in their stead. In the absence of other contenders Jeff and Liza were replaced with Gary Quinton and Nita Regalia.

8pm: Thad opens the floor to discussion. The minutes of the 2011 annual meeting were approved. The Annual Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Bill Knapp.

Following a short break Thad led us through the WVS history project the publication of *Belonging to Places*.