

**CUSM Report
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We had a very successful "Sunday Afternoon at the Movies " event on the first Sunday in February, especially if your measure is quality and not quantity. Bonnie Thornton was the quarterback - and she threw a long Hail Mary pass, Namely; Singing in the Rain. Rose Valentine went long and received the pass with her freshly popped corn. Nan Scott and I were on the sidelines - providing important historical information for the ground game. Meredith Howell tried to get us to pause the movie and talk about grant opportunities for the Friends, while Jo Crooks was experiencing a power outage, which meant she couldn't get her car out of the garage to attend the movie showing. Shelly was there taking in the movie while planning the next Yachats Mixer event. All in all, we made a winning touchdown with this first Sunday Afternoon at the Movies - we were all dancing and singing in the rain as many of our friends were hoping for touchdowns on another level.

Speaking of rains, the rains we have been experiencing have resulted in a continuation of the problem with leaky gutters above the North doors of the Commons - I will try to keep this issue in front of us in a visible way - until the repairs can be facilitated.

New Board member Sheila Voge and I are working together to gather information about a new grant project the Friends is working on. We would like to purchase new round banquet tables to use in the MP room of the Commons. A number of the ones we presently have are compromised - and unsafe for use in the near future. The thought is to purchase 14 new round banquet tables to use for events in the MP room - and to sort out 7-10 of the current rounds (the ones which are in still in good shape) to use in the 501 building. Also included in this grant proposal are funds for 10 - stand up cabaret tables which can be used in various situations in both the Commons and in the 501 building. And as a bonus add-on, we are including 50 folding chairs to use in the 501 building (with a storage rack that is very space efficient). Presently, we are taking tables and chairs back

and forth between the Commons building and the 501 building. If we are successful at this grant request to Trust Management Services, we will have a better inventory of banquet tables at the Commons and a supply of chairs and tables at the 501 building.

I have purchased some "pin on tags" to more clearly mark the table cloths. Dan Dan, the Iron Man is in favor of using these - as they will make it easier to identify the shape and size of cloths when users access them from the Kitchen cupboards.

I have been working with a local Tree Arborist who has suggestions about how the Spruce trees on the South side of the Commons property can be better protected from negative impact of foot traffic- especially evident during the Farmer's Market events.

LED lighting fixtures have been ordered - and the work was awarded to All Electric Company. Nine LED fixtures will be installed in MP room - to replace the 16 currently in place. Eight LED fixtures will be installed in Room 8 - with the old fixtures removed. The contractor will remove and stack the old fixtures and Mychal Guerriero and I will deal with disassembling the old fixtures and recycling the parts and old fluorescent tubes. Scheduling the installation will be scheduled when the fixtures arrive. It is hoped that we will have them in place in time for the upcoming Artistic Quilt Show in early March.

Carpet squares have been ordered for the hallways and the Civic Meeting Room. I am working with Alsea Bay Granite to arrange for adhesive that will be the least invasive in terms of off gassing. This should allow the least impact on those chemically sensitive, will satisfy our value to use environmentally sensitive materials. I will work with the installer to schedule carpet installation around his schedule and the busy schedule of events here at the Commons.