

Presidents Highlights

February 8, 2022

Seabeck Community Center

I am retiring as president of SCC. I have been honored and humbled by the steadfast faith that this community has had in me over the past two years. Seabeck is an extraordinary community of people who have given their talent, time and treasure to make SCC a reality. The volunteer leadership could not have accomplished the development, opening and actual operation of the center without this community support.

We did not know that these past two years would bring us the challenges of a global pandemic, government mandates and a test of our resilience and our ability to develop the SCC. We found new ways to work together and communicate. We endured pandemic delays in construction work and developing documentation. With our limited ability to meet in person with the community, we kept the community informed by Progress Reports, Presidents Highlights, *Seabeck Star* Newsletter and www.SeabeckCC.org. These communications provided community feedback before and after the first public meeting on May 1, 2021.

Much has been accomplished by volunteers over the last two years:

- An SCC Proposal to the School Superintendent for approval to start the project;
- An SCC Presentation to the School Board to approve funding to convert the Seabeck School Campus to a Community Center;
- Issuance of a WA Non Profit Articles of Incorporation;
- Issuance of an IRS income tax exemption;
- Development of a Newsletter;
- Execution of an Operating Agreement between CKSD and SCC;
- Distribution of an Annual Report;
- Approval of SCC Bylaws.

Concurrent with the above activities, CKSD eagerly took on the project mobilizing their employees and contractors under difficult conditions of pandemic delays, winter weather and mold. The building was

professionally cleaned and sanitized, a new roof installed, a gorgeous sports court floor was installed in the gym, the interior painted, mechanical and electrical systems repaired and an improved septic system installed. Outside, crews cleaned up brush, weeds and cut grass. This was a great team effort where everyone involved embraced the project and knew it would benefit of the Seabeck Community.

The Center has received many donated goods and services. These items have enhanced the operation and provided the ability to host a variety of events. Donated items include the following:

- Building sign
- Concrete entry pad
- Office equipment
- Sports equipment
- Tables and chairs
- Library furnishing & books
- Bathroom, storage and utility furnishings
- Computers
- Website

The Center was expected to grow slowly providing programs and services based on the needs and priorities of our community. Growth was slow last spring, but after the Summer Market Day events, growth has been steady. The Center is now being used every week for Recreational and Educational events.

Please support the new leadership in executing the Vision and Mission of our Community Center. Leadership will be crucial in making a meaningful difference to our residents. I wish the leaders the best and I encourage them to pursue excellence in every endeavor.

The Seabeck Community expects and deserves a great Community Center and the Heart of a Community Center is the volunteers. Please volunteer.

Cheers, Don Chalupka