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Date Feb. 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Linda Wisner, at 7 pm.

In Attendance: There were 21 persons in attendance.

SICA Board Positions Open: Linda Wisner indicated that three board member positions were open, and encouraged nominations for these positions. At the April meeting, elections will be held.

Metal Theft Alert: Linda shared that this was an issue on the island, and encouraged people to call the non-emergency police phone number for the police dept. if they saw anything unusual.

County Sign: The County has a budget to put together a sign indicating courtesy guidelines for bicycles and cars on the island.

Communication Committee: Jane Hartline outlined topics for upcoming meetings. (March: Farming on the island, April: Panel of Creative Islanders, and May: Birds on the Island, presentation by the Audubon Society).

Sauvie Island Academy: Matt Mahaffy shared that the idea for Sauvie Island Academy began about 2 ½ years ago—with approx. 9 parents brainstorming ways to keep the island school open. They decided to open a charter school featuring place-based education.

Darla Meeuwssen, Principal of Sauvie Island Academy, shared demographics with the group. Currently they have 175 students—120 of these come from the Scappoose School District (of these, 45 students come from the island), approx. 45 students come from St. Helens, with the remaining coming from as far away as Rainier and North Portland.

Volunteer Opportunities at the school: Darla encouraged islanders to volunteer at the school to help students with reading and math, driving for field trips, lunch-room supervision, helping with supplies, the facilities, etc. She also shared that Campbell Soup labels could be saved by everyone, and that they would help purchase supplies for the school. This Saturday morning, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, they could use some help spreading bark around the playground. Also, the auction for the school is May 19<sup>th</sup> this year.

Place-based education: Nancy Fisher, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, shared what each grade level was doing to take advantage of educational opportunities on the island. These

included, nature journaling, doing interviews with island specialists, studying meteorology, having field stations (monthly) for students at Wapato, planting native plants at the Malone pond, studying island water, and island birds.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Klarquist