

Minutes of the Sandy Mush Community Center

October 6, 2017

Attending: Peggy Baldwin, Martha Ball, Bob Campbell, Kathleen Campbell, Donna Diaz, Mark Diaz, Erin Duckett, Kurt Eckel, Dave Everett, Kim Everett, Chris Jayne, Bruce Larson, John Loyd, Janet Nixon, Glenn Ratcliff, Betsy Weinschel, Barbara Wells, Keith Wells, Terri Wells

The meeting was called to order by Keith Wells.

Secretary's Report: Minutes are prepared by Bruce Larson and reviewed via email.

Action: The September Minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was reviewed by Erin Duckett.

Action: The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Leicester Supply Account: Terri Wells noted that an account has been established at Leicester Supply and that a monthly activity report will be sent to Erin.

SMCC Dance and Annual Fundraiser: Terri and Peggy Baldwin reported. The event will take place on December 2nd from 6-9 pm, with food served from 6-8 and square dancing, with The Stoney Creek Boys, from 7-9. New this year is a raffle with a wide array of crafts and other items available. You do not need to be present at the raffle to win. One \$20 ticket includes entry, a meal, 5 \$1 tickets for various items, and raffle entry. Members of the Board were given packets of tickets to drum up support for the event.

Buncombe Country Recreation Grant. Terri reported for Vanessa Campbell. Vanessa will be writing this grant and submitting it in the week to come. This year it will focus on indoor recreational equipment, for example, pickle ball, ping pong, an adjustable basketball goal, and a first aid kit.

Trunk or Treat. Martha Ball reported. Last year 40 kids took part in this event which is basically trick or treat in the SMCC parking lot. The event will run on October 31st from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Information is available on the website for the Sandy Mush Community Center and on Facebook.

Internet Project. Mark Diaz and Terri reported. Mark noted that the Internet provider—AT&T—has made two visits to inspect the site has selected a path for cable entry, most of which will be underground. Installation will take place soon.

Terri noted that two computers and a Mac mini have been purchased for the library. Two additional computers are under consideration, potentially for the youth room; Chris Jayne mentioned that Chromebooks were a good and reasonably priced option.

Discussion ensued about the advisability of purchasing a printer. It was concluded that no printer would be purchased at this time.

REPORTS and STATUS UPDATES

Building Report. Dave Everett reported.

- Dave has been playing phone tag with French Broad EMC regarding the mini splits.
- Recently M.B. Haynes has done about \$2,000 worth of plumbing at SMCC. Plumbing issues seem to be ongoing and might be a good focus for a grant in a future year.
- Dave noted that the flagpole looks great and the fence created and installed by Grady Reemes is a great addition.
- There is a need for another roadside pickup day.
- Nature Trail needs should be discussed after December.

Food Pantry. Peggy reported. The September Food Pantry served 47 families and 137 overall. Average monthly costs have been running \$163 for MANNA and \$67 for other purchases.

Reunion. Terri reported. The Reunion is coming Saturday, October 14th, with setup on the previous day. More than 200 invitations were sent out.

Library Team. John Loyd noted that the Library will be open for the Reunion.

Youth Programming. Peggy reported. Two new families have joined the playgroup—infants through nine-year-olds. Participation varies from week to week. Activities are being provided by Kathleen Campbell, Terri, and Betsy Weinschel.

Buncombe County Development Grant. Terri and Chris reported. \$563 has been received—Chris attended the meeting at which grants were determined and he was impressed by the process that was used and how well the centers worked with one another. The materials connected to the grant have been purchased.

SMCC Book Club. Betsy reported. Betsy commented on the book most recently discussed. The Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

Square Dance. Terri noted that square dance lessons are still being offered from 5 to 6 on Tuesdays with the guidance of Howard Bridges and Pam Harrington. Come dance!

Donation. Terri noted that a \$100 donation had been given by the family of a recently held wedding.

WNC Honors Award Program. Peggy and Terri reported. The Awards luncheon will be held on November 11th at the Doubletree Hilton near Biltmore. Anyone is welcome to attend--\$20 per person. John and Peggy have attended in the past and found the meeting inspiring.

The meeting was adjourned by Keith Wells.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Larson