

Sandy Mush Community Center

Minutes

December 1, 2017

Attending: Peggy Baldwin, Martha Ball, Frank Barbara, Vanessa Campbell, Mark Diaz, Erin Duckett, Kurt Eckel, Dave Everett, Kim Everett, Christopher Jayne, Bruce Larson, Janet Nixon, Barbara Vassallo, Keith Wells, Terri Wells, Betsy Weinschel

The meeting was called to order by Keith Wells at 7 pm.

Secretary's Report. The November Minutes were prepared by Bruce Larson and distributed by email. *The Minutes were approved as submitted.*

Treasurer's Report. The November Financial Reports were prepared by Erin Duckett and distributed by email. Erin noted that Total Income for November was \$9,315 and Total Expenses were \$15,193; Total Expenses included approximately \$9,000 to French Broad EMC for the minisplits. *The Financial Reports were approved as submitted.*

NEW BUSINESS

SMCC Board Nominations. Terri Wells facilitated the nomination process. Keith Wells was elected President for 2018 and Christopher Jayne was elected Vice President. Newly elected Board of Trustee members were Martha Ball, Mark Diaz, and Kurt Eckel.

SMCC Dance and Annual Fundraiser. Peggy Baldwin and Terri reported. Everything is in good shape for the Dance on December 2nd. Many thanks are due to all the people who have been working to make the event a success. A special "thank you" to Mark and Donna Diaz who donated beef for the chili. Event expenses are estimated at \$1,200 and it is thought that it may clear about \$9,000.

Update on ROR rental agreement. Peggy summarized the changes made to the rental agreement. The Secretary was given a copy of the agreement for the SMCC files.

Internet Project. Mark and Terri reported. Mark noted that the cable has been run to the Center, but problems remain off campus. Terri reported that there are now two access points and the routers are in process. Teams to support the Internet hours for the SMCC are signed up and only awaiting the completion of work by AT&T.

Fire Marshall Report. Keith reported. A meeting was held with the Fire Marshall. As a result, propane tanks have been removed and it was learned that the fire alarm is dead. A replacement alarm would run about \$1,700 and ought to be done by the first of the

year. In discussion, Vanessa Campbell asked if there is an established capacity for the Center? This is something that can be explored with the Fire Marshall at a subsequent meeting.

REPORTS/STATUS UPDATES

Building Report. Frank, Barbara and Dave Everett reported. Frank noted that the kitchen had been mouse proofed and that a new toilet had been installed in the women's bathroom. There continue to be toilet problems downstairs. There are broken window panes in the children's room that need to be replaced.

Dave noted that the most recent roadside trash pickup yielded 60 bags. Considering the volume, it might be good to revisit the use of "Do Not Litter" signs. Peggy suggested that children might help design signs. It was noted that there might be county or state restrictions on such signs.

In further discussion, Frank noted that the Center might have reached a point, given recent building investments, where it is advisable to make use of camera-based security.

Regarding the third floor of the Center and its use by 4H, Frank indicated that there may be issues needing to be raised with the Fire Marshall. Terri noted that quotes are being sought for sheet rocking of the third floor.

Food Pantry. Frank reported that 65 families turned out for the November party. He noted that the Barbaras (Frank and Jean) were turning into Super Shoppers at Manna.

Library Team. Peggy reported. Efforts are being made to build upon the Food Pantry. The Team is looking to alert folks about the available resources. In December, a representative from Pisgah Legal will make a presentation from 10-10:45 am and remain until 1 pm to answer questions. In January, Eblen will come to inform people on support availability.

Needlers Group. Peggy reported. Six people attended the last meeting. The Group will next meet on December 18th from 1 to 5 pm. In relation to this, Peggy noted the value of partnering with other groups to build participation. This led Vanessa to ask if Center would have open hours during the holiday season? In the future, perhaps, this might lead to opportunities for parents to make holiday preparations while children were engaged at the Center. In relation to this, Peggy wondered about existing policies and practices for "Parents' Night Out" activities.

Birdseed Ornament Youth Project. Barbara Vassallo, of the Mountain Lady Project, reported. She expressed her gratitude for the great experiences that 15 children had the previous Friday.

Book Club. Betsy Weinschel reported. Copies of the current book, *A Fine Balance*, by Rohinton Mistry, are now available. The group will next meet on January 24th.

Square Dancing. Terri reported. Square dancing will take place at a new day and time in the new year—Sundays from 3 to 4 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by Keith at 7:55 pm.