

Minutes of the Sandy Mush Community Center

June 2, 2017

Attending: Frank Barbara, Jean Barbara, Martha Batt, Bob Campbell, Kathleen Campbell, Vanessa Campbell, Gary Crossey, Mark Diaz, Erin Duckett, LuEllen Epstein, Dave Everett, Carol Fay, Christopher Jayne, Bruce Larson, Glenn Ratcliff, Betsy Weinschel, Barbara Wells, Keith Wells, Terri Wells

The meeting was called to order.

Secretary Report: The May Minutes were moved, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer Report: Erin Duckett reported. QuickBooks is now being used to keep track of revenues and expenditures, so the report may look a little different next month. This change will make it easier to keep track of special projects. Of special note was a \$750 donation by Wal-Mart for the Food Pantry. The Report was moved, seconded, and approved.

Building Report: Frank Barbara reported. There is a good deal of continuing work each month, as well as episodic work like the cleanup work of the SMCC grounds recently undertaken by Dave Everett and Frank. In looking ahead:

- The screens on the main floor need to be replaced.
- The boxes of buckshot in the basement need to be moved.
- Sets of keys for the building need to be developed along with a plan for tracking them.

Food Pantry: Dave Everett reported. The Food Pantry has become a signature service of the SMCC with growing community participation each month. Recently Frank Barbara, Jean Barbara, Erin Duckett, and Dave met with Manna for guidance going forward. Manna advocates a team approach for food pantry management and this seems the best way to move forward. A meeting will be held on June 6 at 6:00 pm to review Food Pantry operations. All are invited to attend.

Updates and upcoming events

Fourth of July: Terri Wells reported for John Loyd. John requests volunteers for the various events on the 4th.

Flower Garden: Jean Barbara noted that the garden around the flag pole seems to have been adversely affected by Roundup.

County Funding Request: Vanessa Campbell reported. Local county commissioners involved are Joe Belcher and Robert Pressley. The funding request is in process and encompasses Internet funding and building matters.

Summer Programs for Children: Betsy Weinschel reported. This summer the program will expand and much is underway. Further information will be forthcoming.

Sandy Mush School Reunion and Community Covered Dish: Terri Wells reported. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 14th. A team is being pulled together to plan the event and the history team is working on a video presentation.

Request: The team would like SMCC to provide paper goods and related items for the event. The cost, for invitations, will be in the \$30-\$50 range.

The Request was approved.

Wall Mural. Terri Wells remarked that the wall mural created by Valerie Holstein in the yoga room was greatly appreciated. She noted that the mural incorporates a dogwood (NC state flower) and a (male) cardinal (NC state bird).

Arts and Crafts Night. Gary Crossey brought up the possibility of establishing a monthly, maybe weekly, Arts and Crafts Night. It would be aimed more at adults and perhaps on a Tuesday. Gary was encouraged to get a sense of how much interest in such a night before proceeding further.

Outdoor Recreation Team. Vanessa Campbell, Carol Fay, Christopher Jayne, and Terri Wells comprise the team and reported. They have been developing ideas now so they will be ready when grant opportunities come up. Guiding their work has been the question, "How can we better utilize the outdoor area of SMCC?" A list of fifteen ideas was discussed. Carol made a presentation relating to some of the elements of the Phase 1 proposal.

The Phase 1 proposal incorporates the purchase of: 3 picnic tables (estimated at \$1,155); 1 grill (estimated at \$193); and 1 corn hole game (estimated at \$100).

Motion: Purchase the picnic tables.

The Motion was approved.

It was also desired to move forward on the corn hole game. This will likely be constructed by a volunteer.

Concluding Remark. Dave Everett noted that a large and very successful wedding took place recently at SMCC. The event merits reflection.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Larson for Peggy Baldwin