

July 7, 2017

Attending: Dave Everett, Glenn Ratcliff, Terri Wells, John Loyd, Peggy Baldwin, Erin Duckett, Bruce Larson, Martha Ball, Bob Campbell, Kurt Eckels, Lorrie Jayne, Chris Jayne, Betsey Weinschel, Keith Wells, Barbara Wells, Vanessa Campbell, Frank Archibald

Meeting is called to order by Keith Wells.

Minutes are reviewed via email.

Action: The minutes are approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Report – Erin Duckett reviews the report with the community meeting. Erin also reviews the food pantry financials.

Action: Treasurer report is accepted by unanimous vote.

Building Report – Frank Barbara reports via Terri Wells with a list of several recent repairs and improvements.

SMCC Secretary – Peggy Baldwin will resign as Secretary.

Action: Terri Wells nominates Bruce Larson for Secretary and Bruce is approved.

Old Business:

Wedding Rentals – Peggy Baldwin proposes that wedding rentals fees for SMCC increase to \$150 a day with \$50 deposit each day to be returned if the center is left clean and undamaged. That will make the upfront rental rate \$200 per day for weddings. Discussions follows about possible limits on sound or time to stop music, capacity, a possible extra charge over X number of people in the future. Chris Jayne suggests it may be good to have the Fire Marshal set a capacity limit.

Action: Erin will check the paperwork to see if the Fire Marshal has set a limit, if not we can discuss setting a limit at a future community meeting.

Terri Wells makes a motion to accept the recommendation to increase the wedding rate as proposed. The motion passes

Buncombe County Foundation awarded \$20,000 of the requested \$26,000 for building repair and improvement. Buncombe County Foundation also funded the high-speed fiber internet for the first year at \$7,000. They are expecting us to ask for a second year of funding from the county for internet service. There will be a need for many more volunteers to keep the building open for internet use. Chris suggested that we need to poll the community on times that would be best. Terri pointed out that there has been a survey and there is some information already on times of day.

Food Pantry Report - Peggy Baldwin submitted a report on the Food Pantry.

- On June 9th, we served 49 households and 118 individuals. We had several new families. A little over 50% of the people served are adults 18 to 64 years with an equal split of about 25% each in the under 18 and over 65 age brackets. We notice many people with significant physical disabilities and families with grandparents over 65 who are raising their grandchildren.
- We have 21 food pantry volunteers.
- Thanks to: Payne's Chapel, food from the US Post Office Food Drive, and a special food drive arranged by Renee Reeves as part of her retirement party from UPS. There were additional

recurring individual donations and further in-kind donations from Full Sun Farm, Snelsons and John Johnson.

- In mid-June, Ron Gorby resigned as Director of the Food Pantry. Many of the tasks for running the pantry have been taken on by various volunteers. We would like to propose that a small team of volunteers manage the more administrative tasks such as: training, maintaining the relationship with MANNA and the SMCC Board, bookkeeping, inventory control, food ordering, fundraising, Volunteer communication, and acknowledgement letters. That team now includes Frank and Jean Barbara, Dave Everett and Peggy Baldwin with Erin Duckett managing the bookkeeping. We propose that this team continue until at least the end of this year to provide some stability and get more members of the larger team trained into the project.

Terry VanDuyn offers to come and volunteer at the food pantry. Terry also offers to hold a healthcare town hall in Sandy Mush.

Action: John Loyd suggests that Ron Gorby should receive a thank you letter for his work and all agree.

Market will not be held September 23rd due to a conflict in date with Leicester CC. The Food Pantry Team will look at a possible future market and food drive date and make a suggestion.

Buncombe County Community Development Grant – Terri Wells announces it is time to write the grant again, the grant is in the \$500 – 700 range.

Recreation Team – Chris reports that the picnic tables for the outside space are here and ready to be picked up. Chris will work on picking these up and the Recreation Team is working on the space. Dave is working on fencing and rocks for the plan. Frank made the cornhole game for the outside space. Dave reviewed fencing with Gary and Frank as neighbors and they okayed the plan.

Gary Crossey is gathering interest on the website for the possible craft night events at the center.

Library Team – History project interviews are underway with Margaret Brown, Burt Abrams, Pearl Wells Black - Betsey and Martha are the interviewers.

July 4th – John Loyd reports attendance this year between 110 – 125, thanks the many volunteers, John suggests we reconsider music as most people seemed to want to visit and several agree.

Sandy Mush Reunion – The Reunion Team is meeting this week. Gary Crossey created an invitation and is printing those (Team: Eva Duckett, Keith and Barbara Wells, Margaret Ellen Duckett, Ronald Prestwood)

Asheville Buncombe Preservation Society, July 15th, 10 a.m., Farm Heritage Trail Presentation at SMCC.

Dave Everett is looking at Important Birding Area designation for the Sandy Mush area through Audobon to help protect lands and especially the balds.

Keith Wells adjourns the meeting.