

# Sandy Mush Community Center

## Minutes

*August 19, 2019*

**Attending:** Amanda Barnes, Mason Barnes, Kathleen Campbell, Kevin Campbell, Vanessa Campbell, Donna Diaz, Mark Diaz, Kurt Eckel, LuEllen Epstein, Vance Garrett, Christopher Jayne, Bruce Larson, Jean Larson, John Loyd, Don Myers, Deni Surrent, Betsy Weinschel, Barbara Wells, Keith Wells, Susan Wilson. *Twenty people attended the meeting.*

The meeting was called to order by President Christopher Jayne at 7:03 pm.

### **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Minutes.** The July Minutes were prepared by Secretary Bruce Larson and distributed by email. **The Minutes were approved as submitted.**

**Financial Reports.** Mark Diaz reported. Mark spoke about the ongoing work to understand and simplify the financial reports. He has found it helpful to work with bookkeeper Christine Magnarella Ray. They have arranged things so they can simultaneously view and discuss financial documents.

Mark distributed a work-in-process Statement of Financial Position, which indicated the basic structure going forth. Kurt Eckel asked if the restricted category could be expanded, to which Mark said "Yes."

The basic structure of the work-in-process Income Statement was also indicated. Vanessa Campbell asked if there was some way that budgeted amounts for each team could be provided, to which Mark said "Yes."

**The financial reports were approved as submitted.** The sense of the room was to continue with the ongoing work.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Foundation of WNC People in Need Grant.** Jean Larson reported. A Letter of Intent (LOI) was submitted to the Community Foundation to complete work on the ground-floor kitchen area. The Center was one of 80 groups invited to submit a final application, which is due September 6th. The requirements of the final application appear to be quite similar to those of the LOI.

Discussion ensued. Vanessa asked if the cabinets sought for the grant would be installed by professionals or by volunteers? Jean noted that the plan is for Home Depot to do the installation, pending a final quotation.

**It was moved, seconded, and approved to proceed with the development and submission of the grant to the Community Foundation of WNC.**

Continuing the discussion, Amanda Barnes asked if there is an attempt to use local people to do grant-based work. Christopher noted that an attempt is made to work with local people in purchasing materials and doing the work.

Mark asked about the status of a process for dealing with grants, especially as it relates to getting quotes.

Kurt Eckel noted that the Building Team developed some of the quote estimates needed for the grant. Final decisions regarding which vendors to use have not been made. Carole Fay has a drawing of what the kitchen will look like when it is fully built out.

**Buncombe County CRD Grant and WNC Honors Award.** Bruce reported. He volunteered last month to complete the application for the WNC Honors Award, and he is working on it.

During the last two years he has submitted the Buncombe Country Community and Rural Development Grant and, in the spirit of recent Board decisions, asked that he be approved to write the grant. He will be sending a request to team leads to be asked for suggestions. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to proceed with the development and submission of the Buncombe County CRD grant.**

**Buncombe County Recreation Grant.** Vanessa reported. The Recreation Team has been speaking with Josh O'Connell of Buncombe County about the grant, which is due the beginning of October. Some items under consideration are outside basketball goal, port-a-john, outside water fountain, and shade for picnic tables.

The port-a-john would require continuing funding as it is a recurring cost. Susan Wilson asked about the source of continuing funding. Likely it would come from unrestricted funds.

In response to discussion about the timing of grant activity coordination, Kurt noted that the evolving approach of the Center is to obtain grants and then coordinate with the Building Team and the Board of Directors after the grant is received.

**It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Recreation Team proceed to develop the grant and report back to the BOD in September.**

**New Youth Program for Home Schoolers.** John Loyd reported for Peggy Baldwin. A new program, with Christopher Fryar, is being launched for home schoolers this fall. It will meet three times, once in September, October, and November. It is intended for youths aged 6 to 12. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to proceed with the program.**

## ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

**Volunteer Dinner.** John reported. He thanked everyone who helped out. There were approximately 70 people in attendance. Cost per person was in the \$4-4.50 range.

**November Dinner Dance.** John reported. Co-chairs for the event are Donna Trunk and John. After discussion, it was decided that a square dance will be held, but that the idea of a '50s theme might be incorporated into the Supporting Families event in early 2020. That might "goose it up" a bit.

**Upcoming Newsletter.** John reported for Peggy. The next Newsletter is in process. Please get information to Peggy no later than Friday.

Referring to the previous item, Christopher suggested that maybe '50s dance lessons could be scheduled before the Supporting Families event, such as was done for the square dance the year before last.

## WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

The following reports were received:

- Forestry Coalition Report—Terri Wells
- Food Pantry Report—Jean Barbara
- Outdoor Recreation Team Meeting Notes—Terri Wells
- Internet Report—Mark Diaz. There were no outages from July 2nd to July 31st. User devices were 301.
- History Team/Veterans' Project Report—Terri Wells

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt asked when do we begin working on the Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant? Christopher said that that we should get together to see what we can do with the funds received from Buncombe County before the next meeting.

Keith Wells noted that Chris Brown delivered the asphalt that has been used to patch the holes in the parking area. Please thank him when you see him.

Keith went on to note that the Building Team has two new members: Mark Diaz and Deni Surrect. In the spirit of recent practice he asked that these new members be approved. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to add Mark Diaz and Deni Surrect to the Building Team.**

In response to a question, it was noted that 4-H is off during the summer. Keith will find out when they returning to the Center.

Mark noted he will be hard to get ahold of once the Mountain State Fair begins (9/6).

The meeting was adjourned by Christopher at 8:20 pm.