

Sandy Mush Community Center

Board of Directors

Agenda

Monday, July 15, 2019

Call to Order and Welcome – President (5 Minutes) (7:00 pm)

Minutes and Financial Reports: 15 minutes

- Minutes – Bruce Larson (5 minutes)
- Financial Reports – Christopher Jayne (10 minutes)

New Business: 25 minutes

- Treasurer Nomination – Christopher Jayne (5 minutes)
- Building Team – Keith Wells (5 minutes)
- Fundraising Team – Peggy Baldwin (5 minutes)
- Benefit dance – Peggy Baldwin (10 minutes)

Oral Reports and Status Updates: 10 minutes

- Outdoor Rec Team – Terri Wells (5 minutes)
- Youth Programs – Peggy Baldwin (5 minutes)

Written Reports and Status Updates: 10 minutes

- Events – Peggy Baldwin
- Planning Team - Peggy Baldwin
- Mountain Lady Farm Project – Barbara V
- Food Pantry Report – Jean Barbra
- Internet Report – Mark Diaz

Community Announcements and Public Comment: 10 minutes

Adjournment – President (8:15pm)

Benefit Dance

We learned in 2018 that it is essential to have a Chair or two Co-chairs to solve problems throughout the Fall and keep all of these tasks moving forward according to schedule.

Timeline:

August 19th - Co-chairs and leadership in place

August 19 - Band/caller confirmed

September 16 – Tickets printed and handed out for pre-sale

September 16 – Social media begins / posters printed

September 23 – Posters go up around town

October 11 – All business sponsorships confirmed

October 15 – Print deadlines on ads

November 4 – Volunteers recruited for the evening including baking, cooking, serving the meal

November 14 – All meal supplies purchased and at the center/ cooking begins on the 15th

November 16 - Dance

Dance Tasks Needing Leadership:

Arrange for the band, caller, sound, and coordinate money and budget with Treasurer – **John Loyd has volunteered for 2019**

Business Sponsorships: This has been the main fundraising portion of the event. Work with BOD and benefit team to create a list of businesses to approach. Recruit volunteers to approach each business and distribute business sponsorship letters to the volunteers. Create a full list of the final sponsors and their level and give to the ads team.

Ads and Promo: Be sure that ads run to honor the sponsors and publicize the benefit. Get posters out about the benefit. Keep Martha up to date on postings for website and Facebook.

Tickets: determine number, print, distribute tickets for sale to BOD and volunteers, gather money and unsold tickets.

Nuts and Bolts at the Benefit: Find volunteers to park cars, set-up and clean-up; find two floaters to tend bathrooms and spills; arrange for two people to sell tickets at the door and two people to collect tickets at the door and getting the money to Treasurer.

Manager for the gym volunteers and the flow the night of the dance

Cakewalk and door prize: Gather prizes (usually local crafts/products and maybe one cake), bring music for the walk or work with band to play, announce the walk or get the caller to announce

Chili Meal: Plan meal; gather supplies and the cooking/serving crew as well as runners to bring back trays and resupply drinks; recruit volunteers to donate desserts and bread; clean-up - **John has volunteered for 2019.**

Outdoor Rec Team Meeting

18 June 2019 / 7:00 PM / SMCC Downstairs Mtg Space

Attendees

Vanessa Campbell, Angela Whitney, Brandee Boggs, Vance Garrett, Kevin Duckett, Dylan McMahan, Jessica McMahan, Dianne Frisbee, Megan Johnson, Azelia Johnson

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Big Picture (I do not remember everything mentioned so please feel free to make additions to 1. & 2.)

1. We discussed why this project is important to us and the community.

- Access for entire community
- Meeting place
- Multigenerational and community interactions
- Social and Physical Well Being
- Getting more community members involved

2. Also, discussed strengths and challenges.

- Different Capabilities
- Language differences
- Community history & perspectives
- Various needs depending on stage in life and family

Strategy & Process

3. We agreed honest, respectful and considerate communication is important.

4. We will be open and tolerant of differing opinions.

5. Regarding decision making, the team works for consensus, though majority vote carries when necessary. (This is also the decision making process for the SMCC Board.)

6. We will utilize the Design Thinking Process, based upon human-centered design, to help guide our planning process.

7. We will be transparent regarding all aspects of the project. We will share all information openly, but we will not share people's names with others outside of our team.. For example, we share their ideas and concerns, but not their names, unless given permission.

Notes

- Angela volunteered to take notes at future meetings
- We will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting August 8, 2019
- Terri created a Community Ideas for Outdoor Space doc that you may all begin adding content to. Terri added suggestions that came up during the meeting.
- There is a copy of the original community input survey in the drive. Brandee, will you please take a look and make edits that you thought would help? Anyone else may do so as well. Then anyone may utilize it to gather more info as needed.
- Be on the lookout for good field trip to explore potential options
- Consider having Josh O'Conner of BC Rec join us at some later point in planning

Action Items

1. Create a flyer that can be used with neighbors and Leicester Garden & Grocery etc. Jessica completed this.

2. Neighbor to Neighbor: Everyone seek input from neighbors and acquaintances in Sandy Mush. Have personal conversations to try to learn what people would find beneficial and engaging in the outdoor space at SMCC. Goal is to try to talk with 10 people before next meeting. (You can start adding that info into the Community Ideas for Outdoor Space doc in our SMCC Outdoor Space drive.)
3. Terri will ask Martha to share request for feedback on SMCC Facebook. What is your vision for our SMCC Outdoor Space? Please share your ideas so that we can learn what you would like to have available for our community at the SMCC outdoor space. Dianne will collect those responses and share with the group. (Add these to the Community Ideas for Outdoor Space doc.)
4. July 4 Event - Vanessa, Megan, Azelia seek input from community members attending the event. Have an open-ended question. Suggestion, but please adjust as you think best. What is your vision for our SMCC Outdoor Space? What kind of outdoor space would you utilize at SMCC? Vanessa will check with John on logistics. Potentially, Vanessa and Megan greet folks at a table as they come into the event. Azelia roams and gets feedback from youth.
5. A Questionnaire Box was discussed, but no one confirmed the creation of the box. If anyone wants to create an idea box with the question, that is appreciated. It could be used at the 4th event and then left there for other activities as well.
6. Suggestion was made to place comment on SMCC sign and elicit feedback in the suggestion box at sign. Terri will contact Dave to see if agreeable.
7. Provide flyers to local churches. Terri will give to Keith to pass on to churches.
8. Reach out to youth groups to gather their feedback on vision & needs of outdoor space: SMCC Monday Youth Group, Terri & Dianne? Mountain Lady Farm Project, Dene & Azelia? Sandy Mush 4-H, Terri & ?? who wants to help me on this one?

Next Meeting Agenda - August 8, 7pm

Bring back community input on desires and needs for outdoor space.

Planning Team Report:

We are in the process of developing the survey questions and hope to have them done and ready for review soon. There was one team meeting to work on this part of the listening/planning project.

Events Report :

July 4th - It appears that we had our best crowd ever for the 4th picnic and family day. What was significant was the number of new faces and young families. Seems a fine time was had by all. A lot of folks made our picnic a success. Independence day heroes, they are. A big SMCC thank you to all!!!

Volunteer Thank You Dinner - Our next event is **the August 10 Bar B Que** dinner for volunteers. Some help will be needed by our team, so please let us know if you can step up.

Mountain Lady Farm Project:

We had 13 children and 10 adults join us for this event. Not all made Dream Catcher but all children were kept busy with crafting. Thanks to Peggy the 2 younger children were given beads to string and pictures to color. I had taken children to a yard sale where we sell the hand-made items the children make to raise money to buy their school supplies and school clothes. The children demonstrated how to make survival bracelets, selling so many bracelets they wanted to replenish our stock.

I want to thank all of of our volunteers for making this another successful event.

Barbara Vassallo
Mountain Lady Farm Project



Food Pantry Report:

For our June Pantry, we served 56 families, 167 individuals and had 158 hours of volunteer time.

We are very excited to announce that along with Payne's Chapel, Big Sandy Mush Methodist and some private donations, we are now receiving Pantry donations from Chestnut Grove Baptist and Jones Valley Baptist! Our Pantry makes a big difference in our community and it would not be possible without these donations and the volunteer commitment we receive each month from our many dedicated volunteers.

Frank and Kevin reconfigured the shelving in the Pantry closet and we can now fit much more food. We are hoping this will keep us from having to find additional storage.

Jean