



Sandy Mush Community Center

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Minutes

July 15, 2019

Attending: Peggy Baldwin, Amanda Barnes, Jade Barnes, Bob Campbell, Kathleen Campbell, Al Davis, Mark Diaz, Kurt Eckel, Lynda Emashowski, LuEllen Epstein, Dave Everett, Christopher Jayne, Bruce Larson, John Loyd, Amy Sue Moore, Don Myers, Deni Surrent, Elizabeth Weinschel, Barbara Wells, Keith Wells, Terri Wells, Susan Wilson. *Twenty-two people attended the meeting.*

The meeting was called to order by President Christopher Jayne at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Financial Reports. Christopher reported for Acting Treasurer Vanessa Campbell. Our new bookkeeper, Christine Magnarella Ray of Do Good Books, prepared draft financial statements: Activities Budget for May-June 2019 and Statement of Financial Position for June 30, 2019. These reports will be updated as she becomes familiar with the financial record keeping of the Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Nomination. Christopher nominated Mark Diaz to serve as the Sandy Mush Community Center Treasurer. **The nomination was seconded and approved.** Mark is now the SMCC Treasurer. Appreciative words were voiced for Mark and Vanessa, who helped the Board of Directors work through the bookkeeper-Treasurer process.

The officers of the BOD are:

- President, Christopher Jayne
- Vice President, Vanessa Campbell
- Treasurer, Mark Diaz
- Secretary, Bruce Larson

The most recent officers of the BOD were:

- President, Christopher Jayne
- Vice President, Vanessa Campbell
- Treasurer, Erin Duckett
- Secretary, Bruce Larson

Building Team. Christopher reported. It seems advisable for the Center to have team leads that are formally appointed by the BOD. That being the case, Christopher nominated Keith Wells to be the lead for the Building Team. **The nomination was seconded and approved.** Keith is now the lead for the Building Team.

Building Team. Keith reported. Keith mentioned the importance of putting up tables and closing windows after rooms have been used.

Keith noted that some windows in the gym need replacement. Do we need to buy a ladder to do this? Or do we hire someone to do the work? In light of these questions, Mark suggested that an inventory of building needs be conducted, which could then be prioritized.

Keith stressed the importance of taking good care of the new floor in the basement kitchen area. Tables should be carried from place to place, not dragged. Related to the kitchen, Elizabeth Weinschel suggested that written instructions be developed for the thermostat. Christopher suggested that written instructions should be developed, and some policies written related to how the thermostat is to be used.

Fundraising Team. Peggy Baldwin reported. It has been suggested that bumper stickers be created for supporting families of SMCC. Some funds available from mailings may be used to produce them.

Peggy noted that there needs to be someone to develop the 2017 Community Application for the 70th Annual WNC Honors Awards. The application takes 3-5 hours to develop and she would be glad to work with someone to show how it is done. Bruce volunteered to develop the application. Terri Wells noted that everyone who applies will receive something; pictures are an important part of an application. An application would enable the Center to put forward a student for a scholarship.

Benefit Dance. Peggy reported. The annual SMCC Benefit Dance will take place in November. The event is an important fundraiser for the Center. A chair or some co-chairs are needed for the event to take place.

In recent years the event has featured a square dance. Amanda Barnes suggested that a 50s dance be featured this year. In years past, it drew well.

It was the sense of the BOD to go forward with the dance. Amanda said she would work on the dance, but not lead the whole event. Peggy indicated that she would send

out an informative email about event activities and people who have committed to help so far.

ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

Outdoor Rec Team. Terri reported. She mentioned some highlights from the Team's written report. The Team will meet on the second Thursday of the month starting August 8th. In its work on developing the big picture for outdoor recreation, the Team will be using the Design Thinking Process to help guide its planning. The Team will be reaching out to various Center youth groups for input.

Elizabeth asked if there will be a porta potty for the playground area, so it wouldn't be necessary to go back to the building. Terri said that would be taken into consideration.

Youth Programs. Peggy reported. Points made in the written Youth Report were summarized. She noted that Monday and Thursday open playtimes have been well attended. Also, she pointed to the growth of the Monday Playgroup, which began in winter 2016 with two or three families. Currently there are 15 families attending weekly or on a regular basis.

WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

The following reports were received:

- Benefit Dance—Peggy Baldwin
- Dance Tasks Needing Leadership—Peggy Baldwin
- Outdoor Rec Team—Terri Wells
- Planning Team—John Loyd
- Events—John Loyd
- Mountain Lady Farm Project—Barbara Vassallo
- Food Pantry—Jean Barbara
- Internet Report—Mark Diaz. There were no outages from June 2nd to July 1st. User devices were 382; 40 new users and 342 returning.
- Youth Report—Peggy Baldwin

John drew attention to the written Planning Team report and the Events report. Regarding the latter, he noted that the July 4th event was a great success, seemingly the largest turnout ever with many new faces seen. John thanked all who worked on the event. Upcoming, on August 10th, a dinner will be held at the Center to thank all of the volunteers who do so much to further its work.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Christopher asked if the general feeling is that the programs of the Center are “hitting their mark?” A variety of comments followed:

- Elizabeth noted that it has been difficult to recruit volunteers for the library.
- Peggy noted that some people in the community are not being served.
- Kathleen Campbell suggested that ideas regarding needs be directed to the Planning Team for its consideration.
- Lynda Emashowski shared the kudos of a community member who had had a food box delivered.
- Amanda noted that there is a demand for a fitness center, indicating that people would be willing to pay to use it. Donations of equipment are possible.

In other matters:

- Terri mentioned the passing of Margaret Brown, who did so much for the Center and the area.
- Bruce expressed concern about the safety of volunteers. It is especially important that youth volunteers work at a time when adults are in the building.
- Susan Wilson, noting that an Incident Report form had been distributed in June, asked how the forms will be made available to others? A procedure for doing so will be developed.
- Kathleen expressed appreciation for the installation of the outdoor faucet, which was done following standard practice.

The meeting was adjourned by Christopher at 8:15 pm.