

Sandy Mush Community Center

Minutes

June 17, 2019

Attending: Amanda Barnes, Jade Barnes, Bob Campbell, Vanessa Campbell, Al Davis, Mark Diaz, Kurt Eckel, LuEllen Epstein, Dave Everett, Christopher Jayne, Bruce Larson, John Loyd, Don Myers, Glenn Ratcliff, Barbara Wells, Keith Wells, Terri Wells, Susan Wilson. *Eighteen people attended the meeting.*

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

Christopher thanked Frank Barbara for the many things he has done as lead of the Building Team, most recently the renovation of the ground floor kitchen area. The Center has benefitted greatly from his knowledge and careful attention to the many requirements of the building.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Financial Reports. Vanessa Campbell reported as acting Treasurer. During May, Total Income was \$1,100 and Total Expense was \$2,829.92, resulting in a Net Income of (\$1,729.92), that is, a deficit of \$1,729.92.

Vanessa spoke about the process of hiring a bookkeeper for the Center. Christine Magnarella Ray of Do Good Books, LLC will be providing these services on a contractual basis for \$250 per month for the remainder of the calendar year.

Bruce noted that the decision to contract with Do Good Books was made by electronic voting in which all BOD members voted unanimously to pursue that contract.

Discussion then turned to what to do about a Treasurer. Mark Diaz asked about the duties of the Treasurer and John Loyd said that he will download sample duties for such a position. Following that it was:

- **Moved, seconded, and approved to accept the Financial Report as provided.**
- **Moved, seconded, and approved to table the Treasurer discussion.**

NEW BUSINESS

Outdoor Water Faucet. Bob Campbell reported. He noted that there is no longer outdoor water access for taking care of the garden, requiring that water be brought from home. Frank Barbara is looking into this. In a few weeks a proposal will be brought to the BOD for consideration. Mark suggested that perhaps a water hydrant might be considered. It was **moved, seconded, and approved to explore the outdoor water faucet situation and bring a proposal to the BOD.**

July BOD Retreat. John reported. He spoke about the value of regular BOD retreats. It was **moved, seconded, and approved to have a retreat at the earliest possible date about appreciating one another and working together.** John will handle the arrangements.

ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

Long-Range Planning Exploration Team. John reported. The Team will survey the community to identify things people are interested in, develop a list, prioritize items, and bring them to the BOD.

John spoke about some options for doing the survey, e.g., email and postal mail surveys. Amanda Barnes suggested that face-to-face is a good way to gather information from folks.

July 4th Celebration. John reported. He noted that July 4th is upon us and most things are underway. People will be needed for a variety of purposes, but we are pretty much ready to roll. On-the-spot volunteers are welcome.

Subsequent discussion indicated the desirability of placing buckets to collect money for expenses required for the celebration.

WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

The following reports were received:

- Food Pantry—Jean Barbara
- Outdoor Rec Team—Terri Wells
- Youth Report—Peggy Baldwin
- Adult Literacy Report—Peggy Baldwin
- Internet Report—Mark Diaz. There were two outages on May 3rd. User devices were 326; 20 new users and 306 returning.

Terri lifted up a few high points from the written report of the Outdoor Rec Team.

Bruce circulated a two-page letter from Leah Cormier, the Buncombe County Outreach Coordinator of Manna FoodBank. The letter noted “MANNA FoodBank’s strong support

of the Sandy Mush Community Center. The Sandy Mush Community Center has been a fantastic partner and their service to their community aligns with our mission, which is to involve, educate, and unite people in the work to end hunger in Western North Carolina.”

Related to the Food Pantry, Kurt Eckel asked if anyone has a wheelchair available for use at the Center? This would help address accessibility concerns.

Christopher noted that the new Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant will have funds to look at accessibility on the Center’s campus. Landscape Architect Mary Weber has provided some informal, ballpark figures for such work.

In light of the positive nature of the letter from Manna, Bob asked how we are going to use the letter.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce distributed a copy of the Injury Report developed subsequent to the May 2019 BOD meeting.

Vanessa asked for input on the new seating configuration tried out for the first time. People were well pleased by the new arrangement

The meeting was adjourned by Christopher at 8:05 pm.