

# **Sandy Mush Community Center**

## **Board of Directors**

### Agenda

*Monday, May 20, 2019*

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

#### **Minutes and Financial Reports: 10 minutes**

- Minutes – Bruce (5 minutes)
- Financial Reports – Vanessa (as acting Treasurer) (5 minutes)

#### **New Business: 60 minutes**

- Forest Coalition – Nick Biemiller (Forest Stewards Guild) and Andy Tait (Ecoforesters) (10 minutes)
- Rentals – Keith and Linda (15 minutes)
- Veterans Project – Terri and Vance (10 minutes)
- Treasurer/Bookkeeper – Vanessa (15 minutes)

#### **Oral Reports and Status Updates: 20 minutes**

- Mountain Lady Farm Projects – Barbara V (5 minutes)
- Internet Report – Terri and Mark (10 minutes)
- Insurance Update – Kurt (5 minutes)

#### **Written Reports and Status Updates: 5 minutes**

- Strategic Planning Committee - Bob
- Building Team – Kurt
- Food Pantry - Jean

#### **Community Announcements and Public Comment: 10 minutes**

Adjournment – President (8:40pm)



## **Notes from Initial Long Term Strategy Team**

We spoke about the mission statement and how the Community Center should be able to support the whole community with whatever they need.

We had a discussion about the 4H and the current challenges (ie the Red Oak situation) and how to handle problems such as this one in the future.

We talked about the importance of having a "Memo of Understanding" with all tenants or users of the center. If you need more details on this situation with respect to John Gavin and Red Oak, Chris can fill you in.

Strategic vision and Dave: Part of our vision is to develop programs and Dave sees our role as a tenant of Buncombe County. . He sees too much volunteer energy going into the mechanics of the structure and not enough energy going into the programs offered. It was suggested to pay people to do the tactical stuff when possible so we as volunteers can pay more attention to the strategic stuff. This was mentioned in one way or another several times. We talked about the importance of talking with and informing the county commissioners of our problems and our successes.

So it was felt that we are at a juncture with important decisions to be made. Examples are: expansion of the food pantry, other uses for the playground and others. We also must think strategically of our vulnerability and an example would be the longevity of Red Oak's tenancy.

We also spoke about the fact that we would still have volunteers even if we didn't have the building and so again there is this desire to put an emphasis away from building and into talents.

Other future concerns were expressed. There is a need for a local survey and more diversity. How can we learn more about what the community wants and really appeal to the younger families here in Sandy Mush?

The positions of treasurer and bookkeeper are of utmost importance. We need a Bookkeeper now.

### **Building Team Report:**

- The leak in the parking lot has been repaired by West Plumbing with no charge. The hole needs to be repaired with cold patch asphalt at some point.
- A reminder to those coordinating events, please wipe down and clean tables after use. Also, trash cans need to be taken to the curb after an event.

**Food Pantry Report:**

For the April Pantry we served 52 households and 157 individuals. We had 108 volunteer hours.

