

# **Sandy Mush Community Center**

## **Board of Directors**

### Agenda

*Monday, October 21, 2019*

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

#### **Minutes and Financial Reports: 15 minutes**

- Minutes – Bruce Larson (5 minutes)
- Financial Reports – Mark Diaz (10 minutes)

#### **New Business: 35 minutes**

- Supporting Family Event – John Loyd (5 minutes)
- Food Pantry – Jean Barbara (15 minutes)
- Fundraising and Grant Teams – Vanessa Campbell (5 minutes)
- Grant Review Process – Peggy Baldwin (10 minutes)

#### **Oral Reports and Status Updates: 15 minutes**

- November Dance/Dinner – John Loyd (5 minutes)
- Buncombe County Rec Grant – Vanessa Campbell (5 minutes)
- Water Test Results – Vanessa Campbell (5 minutes)

#### **Written Reports and Status Updates: 10 minutes**

- Food Pantry – Jean Barbara
- Youth Programs – Peggy Baldwin
- Partnership with Buncombe County Literacy – Peggy Baldwin

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

Adjournment – President (8:25pm)

## **SMCC Pantry written report:**

At our September Pantry, we served 61 families and 184 individuals and had 134 hours of volunteer time.

The SMCC Food Pantry will start using a lottery system at the November pantry to hand out numbers.

### **What is the Lottery (Random Number) System?**

We will start using a lottery system to decide the order that you and others will shop. This will prevent you from having to come early to get a low number or having to wait on long lines. Instead, the lottery system is a way of randomly picking the order and changes each month.

### **How it works:**

- 1.** 11 a.m. to 12 noon you can pre-register in the gym for the lottery. We will put your name on a piece of paper and place it in a container.
- 2.** At 12 noon, the lottery closes, and a Pantry volunteer will start randomly picking the names (without seeing them) out of the container. If your name is pulled out first, you will get #1 and so on.
- 3.** At 1 p.m. in the downstairs hallway we will begin calling numbers. Make sure to have your number ready.
- 4.** Anyone who arrives after 12 noon will register in the gym and receive the next available number.

### **Why are we doing this?**

We want to make sure that our Pantry is fair and can be accessed by everyone. The lottery system helps make sure that all Pantry clients get an equal chance to shop, even if they can't always get here first because of their transportation, work schedule or other circumstances. We restock our tables while the Pantry is open so the people who have later numbers also have access to similar items.

If there are any questions, please e-mail [sandymushfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:sandymushfoodpantry@gmail.com)

### **October, 2019 Youth Report**

Monday Playgroup is now 10 to 12:30 rather than 10:30 start time since we have quite a few very young children who have to leave early for naps. Several of our “regulars” started school and preschool this year so our average on school days is back to 11 to 15. Most of the children come back when they are out of school and those Mondays jump back up to 18 to 25.

The once a month Home School program on the third Friday of each month is going well. The September class had 10 children in attendance and October jumped to 13 children with a new family joining. Chris Fryar is including folk tales from various traditions and cultures, boffing, foam archery skills, and crafts.

We have been circulating a survey to Home School families in Sandy Mush and Leicester. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8WLL5DL> So far, it appears that there is interest in an afternoon class at least once a month focusing on topics such as creative writing, dramatics, arts and crafts, literature. We will continue reaching out to these families and report to the Board in November or December.

### **October 2019 Update on Buncombe County Literacy Partnership**

The SMCC training from Buncombe County Literacy will occur in February, 2020. Please help pass the word about the training. Anyone interested can contact me and I will put them on the list to be informed about the schedule – 828-712-0901 or [peggyannebaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:peggyannebaldwin@gmail.com). It looks like the sessions will occur in the daytime as that is best for the ones who have signed up to participate. We have four volunteers at this time. I think the more people we have who are trained and feel comfortable working with older teens and adults around reading, the better chance that we can work with any students interested.