

Sandy Mush Community Center

Minutes

September 16, 2019

Attending: Peggy Baldwin, Amanda Barnes, Jade Barnes, Terry (Toad) Brown, Bob Campbell, Kathleen Campbell, Kevin Campbell, Vanessa Campbell, Donna Diaz, Mark Diaz, LuEllen Epstein, Vance Garrett, Christopher Jayne, Bruce Larson, John Loyd, Don Myers, Betsy Weinschel, Barbara Wells, Keith Wells, Susan Wilson. *Twenty people attended the meeting.*

The meeting was called to order by President Christopher Jayne at 7:07 pm.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Minutes. The August Minutes were prepared by Secretary Bruce Larson and distributed by email. Vanessa Campbell noted that the distributed Minutes should be modified by changing the name Chris Brown to Charles Brown. The Minutes will be amended to correct the error.

Vanessa also noted that it was likely that continuing funds for port-a-john recurring costs would likely come from restricted funds, rather than unrestricted funds as noted in the Minutes. The Minutes were not amended as restricted funds were stated at the meeting.

Finally, Betsy Weinschel commented that it was her understanding that the cabinets included in the Community Foundation grant would be installed by Frank Barbara and Kevin Campbell, rather than by Home Depot as noted in the Minutes. The Minutes were not amended as that understanding was not stated at the meeting. **The Minutes, as amended, were moved, seconded, and approved.**

Financial Reports. Mark Diaz reported. The financial reports are still in the process of development. He briefly discussed the one-page Income and Expense statement, passing it around the room so those attending could review it. During August, Income was \$2,099.00 and Expenses were \$1,707.37. Bruce suggested that he could include the one-page financial report in the packet distributed to meeting attendees. It was the sense of the room that this should be done.

NEW BUSINESS

4-H Occupancy. Keith Wells reported. He noted that 4-H meets on the first Monday of each month, October through June. He will inform Red Oak about the meetings. A brief discussion took place about the possibility of hanging the 4-H quilt in the ground floor meeting room rather than in the gym. It was noted in discussion that this might limit other uses of the room and that more people would be likely to see the quilt at its present location. There was no further discussion.

A Memo of Understanding (MOU) for 4-H has been developed and distributed. In order to ensure that all present were informed of its content, Vanessa read it aloud. **The MOU was moved, seconded, and approved.**

Board Nominating Committee. Vanessa reported. She asked if there were any Board of Directors willing to volunteer. In relation to this, she asked about the terms of current directors and who was going off. Discussion provided no definitive answer—this is something to examine more carefully.

ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

November Dance/Dinner. John Loyd reported. The event will take place on Saturday, November 16th, with the chili dinner taking place from 5:30 to 7:30 pm and the dance from 7:00 to 9:00. This is SMCC's biggest fundraiser of year. The band who played last year will be playing again and volunteers for the event are being sought.

Sponsors contribute greatly to the success of the event and a sponsor sheet will be passed around tonight. Please sign up to reach out to a potential sponsor on the sheet. New sponsors can be added.

November Dance/Dinner Tickets. Betsy reported. A ticket for all activities—entry, chili dinner, dance, and other uses—is \$20. Tickets will be made available to BOD members and others after the meeting.

Youth Program. Peggy Baldwin reported. Twelve children have been signed up for the Home Schoolers class. Four people will be trained by the Buncombe County Literacy Council to work with local people ages 16 and up. The training, perhaps, will take place in November and December.

Newsletter. Peggy reported. The Newsletter is ready to go out toward the end of next week (at least a week before Homecoming).

George Stowe Bill. Christopher reported. There is a need to update the SMCC Safety Plan to deal with handrails and submit it to Buncombe County. Funds are available to pay for this work from the latest Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to pay George Stowe using funds from the latest Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant.**

In relation to this, it was asked when the Buncombe County funds will be received and how will they be used? Christopher noted that the Center did not receive all of the funds it requested from Buncombe County, so it will be necessary to prioritize how the funds will be used.

At this time, Kevin Campbell noted that a padlock has been place on the door for the room at the left-side of the gym stage so that upcoming food from the Food Lion grant can be stored.

WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

The following reports were received:

- Food Pantry Report—Jean Barbara
- Grant and Application Report—Bruce Larson
- Internet Report—Mark Diaz. There were no outages from August 2nd to August 31st. Total user devices was 288: 27 new users and 201 returning.

Bruce drew attention to some of the items in his Report, which resulted from his recent grant and application writing experience. Resulting discussion indicated that there is a need for a group of people to identify information needs for grants.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

John announced that October 5th is Homecoming. It will begin at noon and everyone is welcome.

Toad Brown expressed his frustration with the noise he hears at his home that is coming from the nearby event center and apologized for any discomfort that may have been caused by his efforts to deal with the situation. He appreciated the opportunity to voice his concern.

Vance Garrett, a member of the Outdoor Recreation Team, shared his thoughts about the projects foreseen for the Buncombe County Outdoor Recreation Grant. He noted that the costs are high, especially for the proposed outdoor water fountain. A port-a-john is not a possible use of Grant funds, but volleyball is a good use.

Bruce announced that Injury Report forms are now available inside the cleaning room located between the Library and the Yoga Room. They are hanging on the door inside the room.

Bruce asked if the water at the Center had ever been tested for bacteria. No one in the room could remember such a test. Although there are a number of things that could be tested for, including lead, an initial water test for bacteria will be undertaken with Jean Larson to proceed with the test.

The meeting was adjourned by Christopher at 8:25 pm.