

Sandy Mush Community Center

Minutes

July 9, 2018

Attending: Peggy Baldwin, Martha Ball, Bob Campbell, Kathleen Campbell, Vanessa Campbell, Dave Everett, Donna Diaz, Mark Diaz, Erin Duckett, Kurt Eckel, Chris Jayne, Bruce Larson, John Loyd, Betsy Weinschel, Barbara Wells, Keith Wells, Terri Wells

The meeting was called to order by President Keith Wells 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. The June Financial Reports were prepared by Treasurer Erin Duckett and distributed by email. **The Financial Reports were approved as submitted.**

Erin reported that a Thank You letter had been received from the Leicester Community Center for SMCC's contribution in support of its dental ministry. In addition, the Square account for credit card transactions has been activated and is working well. In relation to this, Peggy Baldwin noted that the SMCC website now has a Donation button on its website.

NEW BUSINESS

Cleaning Fund. Keith reported. He asked if there was a need to establish a cleaning fund given that we have contracted for cleaning services? Erin responded that there are monies designated for that purpose in the BOD funds, so there is we're okay on this matter.

Community Yard Sale. Martha Ball reported. A community member has expressed interest in there being a yard sale at the Center along the lines of one held at the Leicester Community Center. Discussion focused on the necessity of someone to take the project on and champion it. Further discussion with the community member might clarify matters.

Nominating Committee. Peggy reported. She brought forth a document establishing a Nominating Committee for BOD members, consistent with the SMCC By-Laws. (Such a document was requested during the SMCC BOD Retreat on June 11, 2018.) **The document was moved, seconded, and approved.**

The document provides, among other things, that the “Nominating Committee will consist of at least three Board members appointed by the President. The committee will create a slate of Board members to present and nominate for Board membership at the November meeting.” Peggy agreed to serve on the committee, with the President to appoint at least two others. Keith asked those interested in serving in this capacity to get in touch with him.

December Event. Peggy reported. She noted some of the people willing to take on leadership roles for the event: Martha, Christopher Jayne, Keith, and Peggy. Also willing to help are: Kathleen Campbell, John Loyd, and Barbara Wells. Mark Diaz asked about the various tasks for the event and Peggy said she would send out the list once more. Anticipating the need for a band for the event, **a motion was made, seconded, and approved to hire a band for an amount not to exceed \$600.**

Community Rural Development Mini-Grant. Peggy reported. She discussed some of the requirements for the grant, the amount of which tends to run in the \$500-\$1000 range. The needs underlying the grant must be real and advocated, and a quote for items must accompany the proposal.

At this time Betsy Weinschel noted that there is a problem with the new freezer in the basement, requiring that she make multiple visits to the Center. Although this seems to be a toggle switch problem, further investigation is needed.

ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

Building. Kurt Eckel reported. The Grant from Buncombe County has been received and the team has received estimates on some of the work projected. Ceiling work on the top floor of the building is \$23,000. In addition, the Fire Marshall has provided a list of electrical requirements to enable use of the top floor. Electricians indicate that the Center will need to spend \$36,000 to provide 400-amp electrical service for the building. This was the low bid.

The Building Team will look to see what we can do with the funds available. At present, quotes have not been broken out by individual items. The Team will learn more about specific costs and make a recommendation.

Discussion ensued, with suggestions made about alternative electricians and different services. In line with the latter point, Chris noted that it might be possible to reduce costs by breaking the project into parts, with only a 200-amp service going to the top floor.

Security Cameras. Kurt reported. Research into security cameras has indicated that a system with recorders is likely to cost \$5,000-\$7,500. Given this range of estimates, other alternatives were discussed. Further investigation will follow.

Locks and Keys. Keith reported. He noted that Ilsa, LuEllen, and William each need specific keys, so they can open and close the Library without assistance. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved to provide them with the necessary keys.**

In addition, Keith indicated that the outer door for the office, where cleaning materials are kept, should be kept unlocked. He noted, too, that there is the outside doors to the building, where there are pairs of doors, requires special attention in closing. There are levers that properly secure that top and bottom of the doors.

Buncombe County Grant. Terri Wells reported. The great news that Buncombe Country had awarded the Center \$45,000 was made. A contract will be sent. The grant provides \$9,000 for the Internet and \$36,000 for the building.

Library and Computer Lab Changes. Terri and Betsy reported. Betsy is now leading the Library Team, which includes the library and the computer lab, as is common in most libraries; the Internet Team is separate. Betsy shared information about the times when the library is open, as well as a list of volunteers. A possible new activity for the Library Team would be to provide voter registration. Betsy encouraged more people to sign up to volunteer. Betsy thanked John for his service as the head of the Team, which lead to a round of applause for him.

Chris, following up a question of a community member, asked if there will be another GED offering in the future? It was said that there were no plans to do so at this time. That will depend upon the assessment of the current GED students.

July 4th Event. John reported. The event was a great success. Approximately 120 people attended at a cost of about \$2.50 per person. John thanked all of the people who made it happen.

Volunteer Dinner. John reported. The Dinner will take place on Saturday, September 22nd. Each team leader should invite all team members and have them RSVP to him.

On another matter, John noted that the cooler in the first floor (gym level) kitchen has been repaired.

Team Descriptions. Bruce reported. Descriptions for most teams have been received. Information about the teams will be ready for the August BOD meeting.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The July 4th event was discussed further. John made a special thanks to the people who contributed materials—food, entertainment, etc.—for the event. Kathleen Campbell was disappointed by the food contributions destined for the Food Pantry, which led to an exploration of factors affecting the contributions. Chris indicated that his family had a great time at the July 4th event, a sentiment that was widely shared by those at the BOD meeting.

As the meeting neared its conclusion, Betsy, in response to a question from Dave Everett, provided an update on the horse that was stuck in a culvert at the Center. The horse seems to be okay, although a veterinarian continues to provide a watchful eye.

The meeting was adjourned by Keith at 8:24 pm.