

Sandy Mush Community Center

Board of Directors

Agenda

Monday, March 18, 2019

Call to Order – President (7:00 pm)

Minutes and Financial Reports: 10 minutes

- Minutes – Bruce (5 minutes)
- Financial Reports – Erin (5 minutes)

New Business: 35 minutes

- Youth Report – Peggy/Vanessa (10 minutes)
- Quilt Project – Peggy/Vanessa (5 minutes)
- Renovation Plan & Project Planning – Christopher, John and Bob (10 minutes)
- Long Range Planning Committee – John (5 minutes)
- Building Team – Kurt / Frank (10 minutes)
- Set date for trash pick up – Christopher (5 minutes)

Oral Reports and Status Updates: 15 minutes

- Food Pantry – Jean (5 minutes)
- Event Dates – John (5 minutes)
- Spring Fling/4H – Ruth (5 minutes)

Written Reports and Status Updates: 5 minutes

- Internet Report – Mark
- 4H – Ruth
- Outdoor Rec team – Vanessa

Community Announcements and Public Comment: 10 minutes

Adjournment – President (8:25 pm)

Quilt Gallery/Community Quilt

I would like the permission of the Board to update the quilt gallery and explore a community quilt project. The project has been in the budget for at least two years but there has not been a volunteer to lead the effort.

Quilt Gallery – Terri Wells set-up the quilt gallery at least two years ago. It is a great addition to the center. Most of the quilts hanging at present, with the exception of 4-H and the two quilts moved from downstairs due to renovation, have been hanging at least two years. Those quilts should be offered back to the people who donated them so they can be washed, even if they are loaned back after cleaning. In the last year, Laurie Brown and Julia Borg asked that their quilts be removed for now. I think they are both willing to loan another quilt for hanging if needed. I am willing to loan a quilt and there may be other quilters in the community who are willing. Also, current quilts may be loaned back as mentioned.

Community Quilt – We have several Sandy Mush quilters who have offered to help organize an effort to make a community quilt. Terri has talked with Norma Bradley (a former Sandy Mush resident with ties to the area) who has worked for years with groups to make quilts and she is willing to help. If Norma's time is limited, perhaps she can share some of her experience with our Sandy Mush quilters. We would like to make it possible for both experienced quilters and those who have never sewn to create a block for the quilt.

At present, the budget allows \$125 for the quilt project. My sister's quilt guild in Middle TN has donated several boxes of fabric to SMCC as well.

Action: The Board's approval to work with Terri, Norma and other volunteers to update the Quilt Gallery and explore moving the community quilt project forward in 2019/2020

Youth Report, March 2019

The Youth Team has two possibilities we would like to discuss at the April Board/Community meeting.

1. The winter open recreation time was very successful. The Youth Team would like to add a summer open recreation time as we did last summer. On polling the current parents who participate, it seems that having the open time Thursdays, 10:30 to 12:30, would be best. We will continue to have our Monday playgroup from 10:30 to 12:30 as well.

We expect the numbers of children participating to be in the 20 to 25 range since children will be out of school. We have been having 20 children for Monday playgroup on days that school is not in session and there are some families who participate on Sundays but not on Mondays who are planning to come over the summer if we add an open time. As with all of our youth programs, each family will need a responsible adult with their children in addition to our volunteers.

The dates will likely be June 20 to August 1, skipping July 4th week. We are identifying some community volunteers to teach some sports skills such as soccer and baseball. We will also have some craft activities as well as free play.

Action needed:

Support of the Board to add this activity/service for the summer.

Volunteers who are willing to help on Thursday mornings. (At present, we have agreement from two volunteers and the parents as well as one community volunteer willing to teach baseball skills for 4 sessions.)

2. Buncombe County Literacy Council has offered to talk with us about training some Sandy Mush community volunteers to offer reading tutoring to Sandy Mush students and adults who wish to improve their reading. They are offering to train volunteers on site at SMCC. The details are few at the moment. I would like to meet with Emily Spies and Rebecca Massey at the literacy council to gather more information to present at the April meeting. **The literacy council understands that we would need Board approval and, of course, interested volunteers. If there are no objections,** I will set up that meeting and anyone who wants to join the meeting to discuss details is very welcome. It would be helpful if we can all talk with anyone we think might be interested in reading tutoring services to see if they might participate at SMCC if we have some local tutors

Internet Report:

March 19, four community members will join Terri at the BC Commissioner's meeting to speak during public comment as to the importance of SMCC Internet. The focus is on sharing personal stories of how the SMCC Internet is impacting their educational and economic outcomes.

On a broader community Internet note, Terri has been working with Sara Nichols, Regional Broadband Planner for Land of Sky Regional Council, to learn how we can work with them to improve our chances of getting affordable and quality high speed Internet for our entire community. Terri provided them key data for their asset mapping, and Dene and Terri collected 40 paper Internet surveys from Food Pantry clients and are sending out an online survey as well. In April, it is likely that Mark and Terri will get the opportunity to attend a training with LOS, providers and government officials. Stay tuned!

SMCC Internet Report Mar BOD Meeting

Period: 31 Jan to 1 March

OUTAGES: 4 Feb outage for approx. 7 hours due to cable cut on Early's Mtn. Road

WiFi All SSIDs – Total number of user devices 453. 3 percent increase.

12 New 441 Returning

Total Data 133.54Gb 116.34Gb received 17.19Gb sent

SSID Use:

Sandy Mush Community Center is 64 percent of all devices – 302 device connections

SMCC Wifi is 14 percent - 66 device connections

Access Point Monitor:

Total Device Connections on both AP's 633; 618 Returning; 15 New

Percentage of Device Connections: AP1 40%; AP2 60%

Total Data: AP-1 41.54Gb AP-2 92.01Gb

Busiest Day – 7 Feb Total connections 46 from 25 user devices.

Outdoor Rec Team Next Steps: With the input from the listening session (7 responses) and the survey (70 responses), the Outdoor Rec Team will meet to discuss potential project processes and review collected data. Additionally, an effort will be made to seek out input from community teenagers. A demographic whose voice has still not be adequately heard, but who we value and want to make sure we take into consideration at SMCC.

Also, the new shades got installed over the playground benches. That completes the Buncombe County Rec Grant we received last November/December.

Sandy Mush 4-H update:

4-H Pledge:

I Pledge my Head to clearer thinking

My Heart to greater loyalty

My Hands to larger service

My Health to better living

For my club, my community, my country and my world.

Sandy Mush 4-H held its monthly meeting at the Fire Station March 4.

Educational topics included a presentation by Susan Holt on table etiquette and manners. Youth also learned how to set a table and which utensils, glassware are used for what purpose.

Anna Young, senior president of the Sandy Mush 4-H, gave a speech on parliamentary procedure.

The livestock judging team (county wide 4-H members inc. Sandy Mush) practices once a week and has already been to a few competitions. The big competition is statewide and takes place in Raleigh in the summer.

Shooting Sports team will start practicing soon. The Regional competition takes place in Tryon in August and the Statewide competition takes place in Raleigh in September.

4-H members are planning now for entering the fairs in the fall (Haywood, Mountain State, Madison and the State Fair in Raleigh). Sandy Mush 4-H members usually enter several, if not most of the available youth competitions at the various fairs (this includes livestock showing, horticulture and agronomy, crafts, art, photography, cooking, community booths and we hope to do another sewing project to enter).

4-H presentations are coming up which is a great way to develop public speaking.

We will also hold a Memorial Day service at the Leicester Community Center on or close to Memorial Day.

We are planning to help with the garden at the Veterans Restoration Quarters as well sometime this spring.