

May 6, 2016

Attending: Terri Wells, Cathy Phillips, Peggy Baldwin, Dave Everett, Keith Wells

Dave Everett called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report: The balance in the checking account is increasing due to rentals. The utilities are averaging \$100 or less a month. The oil was down to 700 gallons in March from 800 gallons when the tank was filled in mid- January. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Building and Beautification: Kathleen Campbell planted flowers contributed by Vanessa Campbell and Christopher Jayne. Jean Larson provided the mulch. Dave Everett reminds the Board that we need to paint the flagpole. Volunteers conducted trash pick-up over the last week. Keith Wells has paid Steve Roberson for the grass maintenance on behalf of the community center.

Community Earth Day Event report: 4-H and Mountain Lady Farm Project were pleased with their participation and the funds they raised through the event. Terri Wells suggests that we try the event again in 2017. For next year, we may want to discuss the schedule for next year with an eye toward reducing the length of the event.

Discussion: July 4th event: Keith Wells says the event has been on the fourth in the past rather than the Saturday prior. Fireworks require a permit and it can be costly. The Fire Department considered offering the fireworks but felt it was too costly for them in time and money.

Action: The decision was made to hold the vent Monday, July 4th, at 4 p.m. The community center will give away hot dogs and hamburgers and supply the drinks as well as condiments. The rest of the community will bring a covered dish. There will be games such as volleyball, horseshoes, corn hole, and children's activities organized by a team including Christine Jones, Tracie Shook, Peggy Baldwin and Ruth Gavin. Keith Wells will help with setting up some of the outside activities like volleyball and horseshoes. We will pursue live music on a flatbed or inside on the stage depending on weather. John Loyd agrees to coordinate the event.

Discussion: Dave Everett asks that we look into outdoor, digital projection for future events.

Discussion: By-laws overview: Christopher Jayne will send the Board the Purpose statement for the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. Terri Wells has revised the By-laws based on discussions. The indemnity portion is part of the North Carolina law and does not need to be included in the By-laws as a clause. When there is a voting membership, there are legalities about notification on each vote. The community center By-laws will state that members vote on the Board and the Board handles the ongoing business, day-to-day business of the center.

Action: Christopher Jayne will complete the Purpose statement. Terri Wells will finish the Articles of Incorporation.

Discussion: Peggy Baldwin reported that we can mail a community center newsletter to every home in Little and Big Sandy Mush through EDDM mailing. There are 550 homes and the mailing cost is \$94 with the printing cost quotes with local printers ranging from \$190 to \$320 for 600 copies of a two sided, black and white newsletter on 100# stick to meet the guidelines of the EDDM mailing.

Action: It was felt that this is an opportunity to reach homes where they may not be aware of the community center and the activities. The Board decided to send the mailing closer to the Fall events.

Discussion: Lu Ellen Epstein has been researching the possibility of WiFi at the community center through AT&T DSL service. She has discovered that the fire station has WiFi and it would be available to the center if AT&T increases their capacity. Once the center is in a position to consider adding WiFi, we will identify someone at AT&T to meet with an explore the options and final costs for making WiFi accessible to the community through the center.

Action: The community center will setup account with Champion Supply for a 20% discount.

Action: The community center will begin opening for meeting nights including the use of the gym for games. John Loyd will discuss this plan with the library committee and have a volunteer here each month for the open meeting night.

The meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved: June 3, 2016

