

# **Sandy Mush Community Center**

## **Board of Directors**

### Agenda

*Monday, February 17, 20*

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

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

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

#### **New Business: 30 minutes**

- Treasurer Position – Christopher Jayne (10 minutes)
- Board Retreat Report – Kurt Ekel (5 minutes)
- Capital Improvement Team Report – Kurt Ekel (10 minutes)
- Come to Leicester Sponsorship – Peggy Baldwin (5 minutes)

#### **Oral Reports and Status Updates: 25 minutes**

- Sandy Mush History Project – Amanda Barnes (5 minutes)
- Supporting Families – Bruce Larson (5 minutes)
- Downstairs Kitchen – Kevin Campbell/Jean Barbara (5 minutes)
- Spring Fling – Event Team (5 minutes)
- SMCC Strategic Partnership Grant – Christopher Jayne (5 minutes)

#### **Written Reports and Status Updates: 5 minutes**

- Food Pantry Report – Jean Barbara
- Volunteers – John Loyd
- Youth Report – Peggy Baldwin

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

Adjournment – President (8:25 pm)

## **Board Retreat::**

While the SMCC is in good shape financially and our programs are doing well, the board recognized a need for a facilitated retreat at the board work session held prior to last months board meeting. The purpose of a facilitated retreat will be to define board roles and expectations and establish a framework for moving forward addressing some of the current issues.

The board has reviewed 3 proposals and has narrowed the choice to two facilitators. Both proposals will include gathering input from board members and a few program leaders. The facilitator will then conduct a half day retreat along an outlined agenda with clearly defined deliverables. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$2,000. Submitted by John Loyd and Kurt Eckel

## **Capital Improvement Team Report:**

The Capital Improvement team recommends upgrading the electric service in the building from 200 to 400 amp service at a cost of \$16,975. The current load of the building exceeds 200 amps and prevents adding appliances while creating a safety issue. This item was listed as the number one priority by the Building Team at it last meeting. This project meets the covenants of the BC Strategic Grant.

Grant Amount	\$35,958
Internet	\$8,000
Architect	\$1,000
Site Plan	\$2,500
Electric Upgrade	\$16,975

Remaining Balance \$7,438

The committee recommends completing the following projects in order until available grant funds are depleted. These recommendations are on hold pending clarity surrounding 2021 grant request.

- \*Upgrade heat in the Yoga and children's room
- \* Replace 3 hot water heater with new on demand heaters
- \*Address safety issues and add WiFi thermostats to gym heaters.

-The Capital Improvement Team

## **Come to Leicester Sponsorship Levels:**

\_\_\_ **\$150 GOLD: Business Card Image (in brochure, website, Facebook)**

\_\_\_ **\$75 SILVER: Listed on brochure and website.**

## **SMCC Food Pantry Report – February 2020**

At our February pantry, we served 62 households and 185 individuals.

MANNA and Thermo-Fischer Scientific have donated and delivered us a double door commercial refrigerator. With our increasing numbers, we were in need of more refrigerator space. The single door commercial refrigerator is now in the upstairs kitchen.

The lottery system we implemented in November 2019 has been going very well. With this new system, it is no longer first-come, first-serve and has prevented people from arriving so early.

Some of us will be attending MANNA's 5th Annual Network for Nutrition Day on March 11th at Folkmoot in Waynesville. Each year, they focus on ways to enhance and grow healthy pantry environments. If anyone is interested in getting involved and would like to attend, you can contact Jean Barbara at [jeancbarbara@gmail.com](mailto:jeancbarbara@gmail.com) or 845-797-1097.

## **SMCC Volunteers:**

I would like to point out that we have over 100 volunteers. Several new ones helped February 8th. There seems to be a perception that we don't have and are not getting new volunteers. I would like to put this to rest and respectfully ask this misinformation not be spread about. If anyone has questions, I would be glad to answer them as I suspect other board members would as well.

I know I contribute to the perception that the same volunteers are often working events as I tend to go with those who first, show desire to volunteer and second because I often go with those folks I know and who I know can do what needs to be done without needing to be brought up to speed. My goal, and one I'd encourage other folks to do, is to ask new folks to help. On our last team event we have indeed found and used new volunteers. Using new folks is something that needs some mindfulness.

Best to All, John Loyd

## February 2020, Youth Report

First, many thanks to all of our volunteers who have helped in the last month with planning, support, snacks, special activities for the children, and spreading the word to new families: Tina Gustavsson, Diane Thomas, Ilsa Myers, Sharon and Seth Dubuc, Katie Jackson, Tashi Dorji, Cheryl Frisbee, Elise Rider, Brooke Jack.

The average attendance at Monday Playgroup this month was 15 except for school holiday days when we had 21 to 25 children. Monday Playgroup includes children of all ages though tends toward preschool and early elementary. Activities in January to early February included: a special presentation on Bhutan by one of the parents, Tashi Dorji, who is Bhutanese; regular music sessions led by Ilsa Myers; family stories and portraits; Valentine/Friendship crafts led by one of the parents, Cheryl Frisbee; farm field trip for lambing season hosted by Blackthorn Farm, Sharon and Seth Dubuc; snack and story provided by a different parent each week; open play time in the youth room

Home School Friday resumed in February with an art and literature class led by Melissa Porter. We will meet two times a month through April, the first and third Fridays. Our first class was attended by 15 home school students. We have two new families in the home school program who have not attended other youth activities at the center. The overview of the six-session program is attached for anyone interested.