

# Sandy Mush Community Center

## Minutes

*March 2, 2018*

**Attending:** Peggy Baldwin, Martha Ball, Frank Barbara, Jean Barbara, Bob Campbell, Kathleen Campbell, Vanessa Campbell, Erin Duckett, Kurt Eckel, LuEllen Epstein, Dave Everett, Kim Everett, John Gavin, Ruth Gavin, Christopher Jayne, Bruce Larson, John Loyd, Frank Ramirez, Barbara Wells, Keith Wells

The meeting was called to order by President Keith Wells at 7 pm.

### **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Minutes.** The February Minutes were prepared by Secretary Bruce Larson and distributed by email. **The Minutes were approved as submitted.**

**Financial Reports.** The February Financial Reports were prepared by Treasurer Erin Duckett and distributed by email. Erin noted that for February Total Income was \$91,910 and Total Expenses were \$1,171; Net Income was \$90,739. **The Financial Reports were approved as submitted.**

Dave Everett if utility bills seemed to be running below expectation. Erin replied that they are.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Building.** Frank Barbara reported. He has reached out to Mike Wright regarding carbon monoxide detectors and Keith has also spoken to him. The relative merits of commercial vs home-grade detectors were discussed, as was the desirability of discussing the matter with the Fire Marshall. The Board approved further investigation, including obtaining more accurate estimates for detectors.

Franks noted that the trash pile that had been dumped on Early Mountain had been removed. Representative Brian Turner played an important role in making that happen and suggested that a "Thank You!" be placed on the Center's Facebook page.

**Spring Fling.** Ruth Gavin reported. The Fling is currently scheduled for April 21 from 1 to 3 pm. The event will be opened up to six vendors. Terri Wells will make the promotion happen.

Discussion ensued on vendor fees. Chris Jayne noted that fees might be based upon a percentage of sales rather than a flat fee. Frank Ramirez suggested a possible two-track approach, one for Sandy Mush vendors and one for others. Dave noted that whatever the approach, a low approach for fees should be adopted to encourage

vendor participation. John Loyd mentioned the desirability of information tables for community group at the Fling.

**Playground.** Chris reported. Buncombe County has waived most of the fees for the playground except for a \$75 septic fee. The contract for the playground has been signed and will go out early next week; the attorney for the playground donor has gone over the contract. Equipment delivery is expected six weeks from Monday. Although playground construction should only take a few days once the equipment has arrived, but it will be a push to get the playground done by April 21st. Handicapped parking and the pathway to the playground will be constructed after the playground is set up.

Buncombe County Recreation will likely take apart and remove the existing playground equipment. The playground area may become a county park, in which case it would help with signage, policing, and buy in.

**Online High School Equivalency (HSE).** Bruce distributed a document "AB-Tech HSE Online Class at SMCC" and briefly discussed its contents. Nine students are signed up for the HSE courses and ten volunteers are confirmed to help as needed. Orientation to the courses will be provided by AB-Tech at the Center on March 7th from 9 am to 2 pm. Regarding assistance, Frank R indicated that he could provide Spanish instruction.

**Dental Bus Ministry.** Keith read a letter from Greg Brookshire asking for financial support for the dental ministry at the Leicester Community Center. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to contribute \$100 for the ministry.**

**Trustee nomination.** Bruce nominated Ruth Gavin to be a trustee for the Center, which was second and approved. Election will take place at the next Board meeting.

**Insurance.** Kurt Eckel reported. Three action items were presented:

- Directors and Officers Policy. This would provide coverage of \$1 million per incident and cost \$750 per year. **The Policy was moved, seconded, and approved.**
- Casualty Policy from Cincinnati. This would provide \$4 million coverage and cost \$1,142 per year. **The Policy was moved, seconded, and approved.**
- Sexual Molestation Policy. This would cost \$200 per year and require background checks for those working with children. Discussion ensued, with Peggy Baldwin noting that parents are always involved with the activities that children participate in. It was concluded that the report on this policy was for information only and that no action would be taken on it at this time.

## REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

**Building.** Frank B reported. The floors in the Yoga and Children's rooms are done. Programming of the minisplits continues to be investigated, hopefully this will establish a pattern that can be followed for other mechanical devices, e.g., refrigerators.

Five hours per month for cleaning services is inadequate for current building usage and Frank would like that bumped up to ten hours per month. After substantial discussion, including how to pay for the additional services, the sense of the Board was that ten hours per month for cleaning services should be worked toward.

**Internet Project.** John reported for Mark Diaz. As of this time 474 user devices have accessed the WiFi: 425 returning and 49 new. There was a net increase of 8 percent over the last month. On February 12th the APs stopped broadcasting but AT&T WiFi Operations was able to solve the issue remotely.

**Food Pantry.** Jean Barbara reported. During the last month the Pantry served 46 households encompassing 120 people. 110 volunteer hours supported this work.

Jean noted that the Pantry is pretty full on storage and additional storage space is needed downstairs. It was the sense of the Board to do it. Dollar General has indicated that they will give the Pantry extra food they have.

The Manna monitor came by recently to inspect the Pantry. Everything was AOK. Eventually the downstairs kitchen room will need work—floors, walls, and window curtains.

Vanessa Campbell asked about the designation of funds for the Pantry. This is a topic that is under consideration.

**Library Team.** John reported. Following on the Pantry discussion, John noted that it is natural to invite representatives of organizations to make presentations on matters of community interest.

Planning is progressing on Volunteer Appreciation Day, with several dates under consideration. **John would like to obtain quotations for catering such an event, an idea that moved, seconded, and approved.**

Since Internet hours take place in the Library, this is also a time when books can be checked out.

**Youth Team.** Peggy reported. Proposed that time be provided for Thursday afternoon activities during the summer. This would be a way to get school-age children to the Center. It was the sense of the Board to proceed with this. Mountain Lady Farm Project will provide an opportunity to dye Easter eggs on March 31st from 10 to noon.

**Revised Rental Form.** Peggy distributed a copy of the form, which was then discussed. She noted that we still need an occupancy number to make decisions about wedding rents. It turns out that discussions had with local authorities indicate that such a number is going to be difficult and costly to obtain.

**Walmart Grant.** Peggy reported. The grant criteria were read and it was noted that there are three teams that might be able to use the grant. Grants are in \$250-\$5000 range. Peggy will send an email to the relevant teams.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peggy asked for additional information about the Spring Fling.

Chris asked if there was a way for our meetings to be briefer. He suggested that written committee reports might work in that direction. Kurt suggested that we explore the use of a consent agenda toward that end.

Peggy noted that Board meetings in the Yoga Room, adjacent to the gym, would make the meetings more attractive for children whose parents are attending.

Frank B raised the possibility of meeting on another night of the week. Perhaps Mondays? This is something to be explored later. In April, the Board will meet on the first Friday of the month, as is traditional.

The meeting was adjourned by Keith at 9 pm.