

Minutes of the Sandy Mush Community Center

September 11, 2017

Attending: Peggy Baldwin, Martha Ball, Bob Campbell, Kathleen Campbell, Vanessa Campbell, Erin Duckett, LuEllen Epstein, Dave Everett, Bruce Larson, John Loyd, Betsy Weinschel, Terri Wells

The meeting was called to order by Dave Everett.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: Minutes are prepared by Bruce Larson and reviewed via email.

Action: The August Minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was reviewed by Erin Duckett.

Action: The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted by unanimous vote.

Erin noted that a credit card for the SMCC, with a \$5,000 limit, had been approved.

Food Pantry Report: Peggy Baldwin reported. The August 11th Food Pantry served 53 families and 186 people. The upstairs area is now being used for waiting families. Additional food sources for the Food Pantry are being explored.

Building Report: Dave reported. Following up on an August Motion, a dumpster was rented--\$220—and much outdoor refuse moved. Also following up on an August Motion, the downstairs skeet ammunition has been removed from the downstairs and was given to Craig Worley for to be used with 4-H youth.

Kathleen Campbell has spoken with the Fire Department about piggybacking with them on trash.

Prospectively, there is work to be done on the window sash cords and door repair is in process.

SMCC has resolved issues around the picnic tables and there are now three tables outside. They are getting good use.

Erin Duckett is the person to contact for credit card use. To make some purchases simpler, Erin will contact Leicester Supply regarding an account for small purchases.

Earlier on September 11th, plans were reviewed with FBEMC for three mini-splits, each of which will run about \$2,800. They are to be installed in the yoga room, the library, and the playroom.

OLD BUSINESS

Internet Project. Terri Wells reported. SMCC now has signed contracts. October 17th—45 days after signing—is provisionally seen as the usage date. Peggy wondered about the plans for the ongoing use of computer facilities. We will need a use plan as we move forward. In the context of this discussion, the question arose “Is SMCC exempt from paying state sales tax?” This question will be explored over the next month.

SMCC Dance and Annual Fundraiser. Peggy and Terri reported. The timing of this event has been a challenge due to competing activities around the Thanksgiving holiday. It was suggested that a date be determined given those activities.

Communications. Terri reported. Martha Ball is working on the Facebook presence of SMCC. She requests that any relevant messages and photos be sent to her. She is looking for more content, especially photos. Dave suggested that Sarah Turner be involved.

STATUS UPDATES

Reunion. The Reunion Team is “having a blast”—really engaged and enjoying reconnecting. The Reunion, a covered dish, will take place at noon on October 14th (Saturday). At this time, attendance is unclear, but some volunteers could be used.

Library Team. John Loyd reported. He indicated that there was a need to start a monthly workday—lots of books are being contributed, many with unknown donors. Additionally, he noted that:

- Eblen Charities will be contributing some school supplies.
- Oral interviews with area residents are proceeding slowly given that interviewers are very busy.
- The bulletin board in the library could use a redo.
- A VHS player could be of use on occasion.
- There is a need for a small audio amplifier for movies.
- LuEllen Epstein talked about starting up an “orphan photo box” to preserve visual history.

Youth Programming/DPIL. Peggy reported. She noted that 8 families and 14 children have been signed up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Square Dance. Terri reported. Square dance lessons are being offered from 5 to 6 on Tuesdays starting September 12, with the guidance of Howard Bridges and Pam Harrington.

Buncombe County Development Grant. Terri reported that the grant has been submitted. She went on to note that the grill has been purchased.

WNC Communities Grant. Peggy reported that work on the grant has been completed.

Clarify Non-Financial Reporting. Terri reported that SMCC does track volunteer hours and in-kind contributions. Community impact reporting could use some work, though. Such evidence could be useful for future grant applications.

NEW BUSINESS

Handicap Parking and Handrails. John reported that it has been difficult to get in touch with the relevant people.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENT

- Erin noted that she could talk to the service learning people at WCU about helping with SMCC activities. This would help students meet their service obligations, too.
- Dave recalled the old Sandy Mush cookbook. Might there be interest in a contemporary edition?

The meeting was adjourned by Dave Everett.