

August 5, 2016

Attending: Terri Wells, Cathy Phillips, Peggy Baldwin, John Loyd, Glenn Ratcliff, Marlow Gates, Martha Ball, Betsy Weinschel, Dave Everett, Keith Wells, Chris Jayne, Lisa Wells

Keith Wells calls the meeting to order.

Minutes are approved unanimously, reviewed via email.

Treasurer report by Cathy Phillips – Red Oak Recovery has paid for July, August and September. **Treasurer report is approved.**

Building Report - Keith Wells reports that the gutter and one pipe has been repaired possibly by the county. The chimney needs to be lowered or taken down as it is deteriorating. Terri Wells spoke with Brownie Newman and he suggests that we get a total quote for the work we need done and submit it to the county commission. Dave and Terri suggest getting an assessment from someone with skill with old buildings and ask them for a comprehensive list of needs for the building repairs.

Action: Board approves getting a professional review of the building to present to the county. Dave Everett will arrange for the review.

501c3 – The form is submitted and the fee paid. The fee was reduced on July 1 from \$400 to \$275.

NC Charitable Exemption Status – The letter arrived stating that the community center has been approved for an NC charitable exemption.

990 Form for the IRS – Cathy reports we need to send in the 990 form for 2015. **Action: Cathy will take care of the submission of the form to the IRS.**

Rentals: Security – John Loyd reports that on August 4th he found the 2nd floor kitchen door pried open. He found no food or equipment missing and no doors or other windows disturbed and all outside doors locked. Keith Wells suggests that we replace all four outside locks.

Action: Board approves a motion to replace all outside locks.

Non-profit Rental Policy – The Board discusses a rental policy for non-profits. Dave suggests guidelines that rent the center to non-profits for a donation when they benefit the community and the space is available.

Action: Peggy will write the policy and send to Board via email (see below added 8/31/2016).

SMCC Non-profit Rentals - In support of the Sandy Mush Community Center goal to “strengthen and support community organizations” whose activities benefit the Sandy Mush community, SMCC will offer these non-profit community organizations the rental of the community center on a donation basis when the requested space is available.

Action: The Preservation Society will hold an event at the SMCC in July 2017. The Board agrees to offer this rental for a donation.

The Board approved the use of the center for the non-profit Come To Leicester Tour for Saturday, August 20.

Shooting Range – Terri gives background on the 4-H rifle team practicing at the shooting range. Terri asks 4-H to be sure that there is county approval as there is not county approval at this point. John Gavin who helps lead the team has reported to Terri that the practices are covered under the state education insurance policy. The practices are currently taking place during the Red Oak rental time and Red Oak policy says they cannot be on the same premises with guns.

Action: Lisa Wells will work with 4-H and Steve Duckett to get a ruling from the county. Terri Wells will follow with Steve to get any updates.

October Trunk or Treat – Marlow Gates and Martha Bell report on the possibility of having a trunk or treat event where families will come with their tractors or other vehicles and offer candy to children who want to trick or treat in Sandy Mush. All agree the best date would be the day the Fire Department plans to give out candy. If volunteers want to participate, they will get in touch with Martha and Marlow.

Action: The Board approves the event with Martha and Marlow leading the event.

Grants: There are three grant possibilities at present that do not require SMCC have its final 501c3 designation. Terri reports on the Buncombe County Rural Development grant through Agriculture Extension. She suggests that she write this grant for P.A. speakers to finish out the sound system and a large refrigerator for the upstairs kitchen.

Action: The Board approves this application and Terri will submit the grant.

WNC Communities Honor Program - We can apply for a monetary award based on the work SMCC volunteers have completed for the community in the past year.

Action: Terri will fill in this form and get help from other Board members as needed.

Buncombe County Recreation grant – The Board discussed various options including outdoor improvements such as a walking track, playground, picnic area. The other possibility for the grant is a projector, screen, and large screen TV for library. Another need is a home video camera for the School Days Project. Dave points out it would be nice to have the presentation equipment needed for various projects and meetings and to get the library completed for programming. The Board discusses the importance of the School Days Project. All agree that the outdoor space is a priority. The grant requires a completed plan with vendors identified and written estimates included. The Board feels we may not be able to have these details in place for to submit this grant for outdoor improvements.

Action: The Board approves submitting this grant for the School Days Project camera and the audio-visual needs. Terri will work with John Loyd to get the specific quotes and submit the grant.

Fall Potluck with History Focus – The original plan was for this potluck in September. The Board discusses moving the event to October. Chris Jayne suggests inviting the community to bring pictures we can scan and share together while telling stories from the community. Chris will look at gathering materials that have been collected from Sandy Mush in the past for history discussions. Everyone will check on dates and discuss at the next meeting.

Action: A motion is approved for Cathy to set-up auto drafts for the electric and insurance bills.

The meeting is adjourned.