

December 2, 2016

Attending: Lu Holstein, Betsy Weinschel, Cathy Phillips, Vanessa Campbell, Barbara Wells, Peggy Baldwin, Terri Wells, John Loyd, Glenn Ratcliff, Keith Wells, Christopher Jayne, Dave Everett, Kathleen Campbell, Bob Campbell

Keith Wells calls the meeting to order.

Action: The minutes are approved after review via email.

Treasurer Report: Cathy Phillips reviews the Income and Expense Report and Restricted Funds Report. Sandy Mush Community Center moved \$8,000 to a savings account for a future reserve fund. Cathy will begin filing a Restricted Funds Report to keep track of grant monies. The savings account income is earning no interest at First Citizen Bank.

Action: The Treasurer Report is approved.

Old Business:

Dance Report: Terri Wells reports that the benefit dance and dinner brought in over \$4,000 in proceeds (see printed report for details). Dave Everett reminds everyone to thank the community sponsors for their support. Terri reports that sponsors will be recognized on the email newsletter and the larger sponsors on the sign.

2017 Planning Session:

Attendees identify what worked well in 2016:

Good financial foundation

Supporting Families Program

Business Sponsorships

Strong volunteer involvement

Benefit Dance is successful

Cohesiveness in community

Flag pole and beautification outside the center

History Night

July 4th

Earth Day

Trunk or Treat

Keeping ongoing activities through the next year. The group feels that repeating these activities will help the community feel they can rely on the center.

The group discusses the focus for 2017:

Free Movie Night

Financial scholarships to community high school students

Continue the events from 2016

Continue to get involvement throughout the community

Consider a food bank, which Ron Gorby is researching and will present in detail to the Board and community early in 2017.

Eblen Charities energy bill relief program contacted the center about possibly holding a day to sign up eligible participants from the community.

Volunteer Recruitment

Possible Welcome Table style meal

Community potlucks with a theme quarterly

More diversity of involvement from the community – geographically from the community, Latino community

Resources for children – BCS Bookmobile, identifying home school families, preschool/home school play and learn group

Outside activity area plan, playground upgrade – Terri Wells will lead a group to plan for the area

Internet

Grant to Buncombe County Commission for energy efficiency and building repair

Winter Bingo Night

Firefighters at each event

Oral History Project

New Business:

Action: Terri Wells will check the insurance policy to be sure we are covered for contents of the building.

John Loyd suggests we look into more secure locks and a possible locking cabinet.

Dave Everett suggests consulting with the locksmith.

Action: John Loyd will call the locksmith.

Action: Outside lighting is a safety issue and will be reviewed.

Action: Terri Wells reported that the building team would solicit local quilts on loan or donation to hang in the gym to help with sound and for beauty.

Action: Christopher Jayne will manage the Facebook page for the community center.

Action: Cathy will report on any monies that might be available for scholarships and programming at the next meeting.

The meeting is adjourned.