

October 7, 2016

Attending: Cathy Phillips, Glen Ratcliff, Terri Wells, Christopher Jayne, John Loyd, Peggy Baldwin, John Bates, Mark Diaz, Donna Diaz, Barbara Wells, Laurie Brown, Fayette Brown, Vanessa Campbell, Kathleen Campbell, Bob Campbell

Terri Wells called the meeting to order.

Action: The minutes were proved after a review via email.

Action: The treasurer report was reviewed via email and presented at the meeting by Cathy Phillips, Treasurer. The report was approved.

Building/Beautification Report:

Kathleen Campbell has found a volunteer landscape architect who will work with the team to make a plan for the garden next year.

New Business:

John Bates, Social Work student at Mars Hill University, is working with Council On Aging. John is a guest at the meeting reporting on a focus group project. The project is a joint venture to look at the Leicester and Sandy Mush communities in order to engage community members in a listening project about what services are provided and needed in the area for 60 years or older.

Action: Sandy Mush meeting with the community and the focus group project will be Monday, October 17th, 1:00 p.m. The email list and word of mouth will be used to promote the meeting. Peggy Baldwin will bring snacks.

On October 25th, 9 a.m., Council On Aging staff will hold a meeting at the community center to talk about services and joint project possibilities.

Red Oak Recovery has offered to purchase a new refrigerator for the downstairs kitchen.

Action: Terri Wells will arrange the delivery of the new refrigerator and removal of the old refrigerator.

Old Business:

October 22 History Potluck – Chris Jayne is gathering maps and photos to encourage discussion at the covered dish. Community members will be invited to share their pictures and stories. Greg Brookshire will present from his book on Leicester and Sandy Mush history and will have the books for sale.

Action: Christopher will send a description of the event to Terri Wells for the email reminder to the community. Christopher will talk with Greg Bradshaw before his presentation that evening.

A team was established to help manage the potluck and set-up: John Loyd, Peggy Baldwin, Brownie Brown, Laurie Brown, Barbara Wells and other community members to be recruited. Chris Jayne will set-up for Greg Brookshire's presentation.

Projected Financial Report: Cathy Phillips presents a projected budget for 2017.

Action: We will ask Red Oak Recovery to give us a courtesy notice of 60 – 90 days if they plan to end their rental.

The Board approves setting aside \$8,000 in reserve for one year's operating budget.

T-shirt Report: Chris Hield completed several designs for the 2017 t-shirt. Terri Wells proposes ordering 100 t-shirts for \$843.70. The shirts are sold for \$20 and the final profit is over \$1,000.

Action: Board approves ordering 100 shirts.

Buncombe County Extension Award – SMCC is awarded \$1,100 for sound system speakers and a new refrigerator for the upstairs kitchen.

Buncombe County Recreation Grant – Terri Wells completed the grant and submitted.

Internet Update – SMCC may connect to the new fiber optics running by the center since the center is viewed as a business. AT&T does not want to connect non-business customers to the line. AT&T will pay \$10,000 to get the line from the road to the building. The monthly fee for service is \$650 plus taxes and fees. AT&T says they do not have a non-profit rate only a government rate. Terri will talk with David Gantt about whether the county can negotiate a better fee since we are in a county building. Brownie Brown has the name of an AT&T contact that may be able to help with a reduction. Brownie will spearhead the writing of a letter to this contact on behalf of the community center.

Survey responses about the Internet so far are 40 people. There are many comments about the lack of Internet services.

Action: Terri will talk with David Gantt about any county involvement. Brownie will draft a letter to AT&T.

Thanksgiving Dance – Terri created a letter for individual and business sponsors for the dance. Peggy updated the meeting on the volunteers for the dance. The Supporting Families table will be available at the dance. T-shirts will be sold at the dance.

Action: A flyer will be sent to the Board for posting around the community. The Dance is posted on the Old Farmers Ball website. Tara Adinolfi will put an event page on Facebook.

Announcements – Thursday, October 20th Bert Abrams will give a talk at Leicester Community Center about African Americans in Sandy Mush.

The meeting is adjourned.