

**Sandy Mush Community Center**  
**Board of Directors**

Agenda

*Monday, December 16, 2019*

Call to Order and Welcome – President (7:00 pm)

**Minutes and Financial Reports: 10 minutes**

- Minutes – Bruce Larson (5 minutes)
- Financial Reports – Mark Diaz (5 minutes)

**New Business: 50 minutes**

- Proposed 2020 Operating Budget – Mark Diaz (10 minutes)
- Downstairs Kitchen Renovation- Kevin Campbell and Jean Barbara (15 minutes)
- New Board Members – John Loyd (10 Minutes)
- New Library Shelves – Betsy Weinschel (10 minutes)
- Access to SMCC Google Calendar – Lynda E (5 minutes)

**Oral Reports and Status Updates: 20 minutes**

- 2020 Events – John Loyd (10 minutes)
- Youth Plan for 2020 – Peggy Baldwin (5 minutes)
- Community Quilt Project – Peggy Baldwin (5 minutes)

**Written Reports and Status Updates: 5 minutes**

- Food Pantry – Jean Barbara
- Youth Programs – Peggy Baldwin
- Silent Auction Update- Lynda E
- Internet Report – Mark Diaz
- Development Team Report – Peggy Baldwin

**Community Announcements and Public Comment: 5 minutes**

Adjournment – President (8:30pm)

**Community Quilt:** There is a team of four needlers who would like to create a community quilt in 2020. The idea is to create an old fashioned style community album quilt to hang in the center. A community album quilt recognizes families and individuals in the community.

We would collect names and simple messages on muslin fabric at events between January and maybe as late as July 4th. We would then recruit community quilters to take those muslin squares and make a quilt block with the square as a center. We will also recruit embroiderers who might embroider the blocks although the blocks can be used with only the messages that are written in fabric ink. We will be talking with quilters all over the community to either gather and make blocks together or pick up packets to work at home. Depending on interest from quilters and size of the quilt(s), the quilting can happen on my mid-arm machine or we may hand quilt together if we can find a frame that will work for that purpose.

You can see some examples here: <https://www.antiquequilthistory.com/history-of-friendship-and-signature-quilts.html>

We will use traditional patterns and keep the blocks simple so any quilter can participate though anyone with good quilting skills can choose a more complicated pattern as the quilt will be a sampler of different block styles, all the same size. They will be pieced rather than the appliqué you see in the other SMCC quilts.

There is \$125 in the budget for a community quilt, held over for several years now. We also have fabric donated by a guild in Mt. Juliet, TN. Likewise, quilters often have favorite fabrics they might like to use from their stash and donate to the quilt project in that way. The \$125 should cover batting, thread, fabric pens and backing fabric, though that will depend somewhat on the size. I have enough muslin to donate.

Our hope is to finish the quilt by either Homecoming or the dance/dinner next year. If many families want to be included, we may want to make more than one quilt to keep the size manageable. If all goes well and there is interest, this is a project that can be repeated in the future to create a collection of quilts.

## **Pantry Report:**

At our November pantry we served 49 households, 158 individuals and had 118 hours of volunteer time.

There is a lot of good news to share this month!

We are very excited to announce that the SMCC Food Pantry has been awarded a \$10,000 **People in Need** Grant from The WNC Community Foundation that is funded through the Normac Endowment Fund and Janirve Legacy Fund! This grant was written to finish the downstairs kitchen and community meeting space. A huge thank you to Jean Larson for all her hard work in writing this very detailed grant and to Carol Fay, a local Sandy Mush Architect, for volunteering to design the kitchen. We also need to thank Kevin Campbell and Frank Barbara for volunteering to finish what they started and will be bringing this beautiful space to life.

If we can fit it all in, the plan is to install new kitchen cabinets and counter with ADA appliances, window treatments and to get some much needed carts and dollies for additional food storage and storage of chairs and tables.

We received very generous donations from The New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Church in Leicester and the Merrie Mountain Rug Hookers to make sure we had holiday hams, turkeys and other food items to hand out this month.

The Canton Food Lion has donated and delivered prepackaged holiday boxes of non-perishable foods. We have been extremely fortunate in the support that our pantry continues to receive from our amazing community. We couldn't do this each month without all of our dedicated volunteers and donors!

Thanks,  
Jean

## **Update on Silent Auction-**

Intent to have a silent auction at the Feb fundraising community dinner. All proceeds to go to the operating expenses of smcc. Need donations (new or slightly used non-electronic, or clothing items. This is not a garage sale. ) before the event so they can be advertised and catalogued. Handmade hats, shawls, etc are welcomed. Junk is not .I **Lynda Emashowski is the contact person 530 333 1442**, or [nicesunsets@yahoo.com](mailto:nicesunsets@yahoo.com). items can also be dropped off at Library w prior notification.

## **SMCC Internet Report 16 Dec 19 BOD Meeting**

Period: 1 to 30 Nov

OUTAGES: 1 minor outage noted

WiFi All SSIDs – Total number of user devices 237. 14 percent decrease.

8 New 229 Returning

Total Data 46.72Gb 42.34Gb received 4.38Gb sent

SSID Use:

Sandy Mush Community Center is 69.17 percent of all devices

SMCC Wifi is 21 percent

Access Point Monitor:

Total Device Connections on both AP's 427; 411 Returning; 35 New

Percentage of Device Connections: AP1 49%; AP2 51%

AP-1 most used access point. AP-1 51% (174 device connections)

AP-2 49% (167 device connections).

Total Data: AP-1 17.92Gb AP-2 28.81Gb

## **Development Team Meeting, 12/2/19**

(attending were Peggy Baldwin, Bruce Larson and Vanessa Campbell)

Supporting Families:

\* The renewal request for Supporting Families will be mailed by January 15th.

\* We are asking all team leads to provide names of anyone involved as a volunteer or participant in order to develop a list of potential Supporting Family members who will receive an ask as well. Peggy Baldwin will be in touch with all team leads.

\* There will be a Supporting Families event on February 8th. The event team will help with the meal. Lynda Emanshowski will lead a silent auction for the event again this year.

Newsletter:

We had a brief discussion about the print newsletter for 2020. We feel it is important to send print newsletters but we may be able to reduce the number to 2 per year rather than three. Fayette Brown is willing to help with the newsletter.

**Grant List:**

We developed a comprehensive list of grants and grant possibilities with time frames for their usual deadlines. We will continue working on systems to make gathering information needed for grants simple so everyone will participate.

**T-shirts/hats:**

We are suggesting that we sell the stock we have at this time for 2020 and revisit product sales in the Fall.

**Business Sponsorships:**

We had a brief discussion about the possibility of moving the renewal of business sponsorships to the same time of year as the Supporting Families. We would be asking individuals for Supporting Family donations and businesses for sponsorships. This would require revising our perks for business sponsors and would not begin until 2021. The benefits would be simplifying the pre-work for the benefit event in the Fall and making it clear to businesses that they are receiving recognition for the full year in addition to any dance benefit recognition.

We will discuss again and bring any proposal for change to the BOD with specifics.