

Sandy Mush Community Center

Minutes

September 21, 2020

Attending: Amanda Barnes, Kevin Campbell, Vanessa Campbell, Al Davis, Christopher Jayne, Bruce Larson, John Loyd, Terri Wells. *Eight people attended.*

The meeting was called to order by President Christopher Jayne at 7 pm.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Minutes. The August Minutes were prepared by Secretary Bruce Larson and distributed by email. **The Minutes were approved as submitted.**

Financial Reports. The August financial reports were prepared by bookkeeper Christine Magnarella-Ray of Do Good Books, LLC with input from and oversight by Treasurer Bruce Larson, and distributed by email. **The financial reports were approved as submitted.**

Bruce noted that the financial position of the Center was little changed from the previous month.

Christopher noted that he recently met on a conference call about the Strategic Partnership Grant—53 people were on the call. Buncombe County is looking to be flexible on the grants due to the Covid-19 pandemic. At some future time there is interest in arranging an in-person visit to the Center. During the call, Christopher noted that the Center hasn't been affected that much financially, but volunteering has been affected.

In relation to the grant, Christopher noted that there is some concern about future SPG funding. How else might Buncombe County be of assistance to us?

NEW BUSINESS

Veterans Project. Terri Wells reported. The project has evolved since it was first brought to the attention of the Board during last year's budget process. The project budgeted for \$1,600 was recently discussed with Allegra after an on-site review at the Center and there is now an expected outlay on the project of \$4,032.66. After substantial discussion, **it was moved, seconded, and approved to provide additional funds for the project. The funds will come from the Reserve Fund (Savings Account) unless other fund sources are identified.** The additional funding needed for the project is \$2,432.66.

Blood Drive at SMCC. After discussion, it was the sense of the room that the Center would be delighted to host the Blood Drive at a time or times mutually agreeable to all.

Capital Improvement Team. Bruce reported. There are funds remaining in the 2020 Buncombe County Strategic Plan to pursue some previously discussed capital improvements. The Team recommends, based upon recent quotations obtained by Frank Barbara, that \$530 be spent to purchase 3 on-demand electric water heaters. Grigg Electric has provided a “not to exceed” quotation of \$1,200 for the necessary wiring and supplies. Frank and Kevin Campbell are willing to do the install. **The recommendation was moved, seconded, and approved.**

Food Pantry. At the encouragement of Jean Barbara of the Food Pantry Team, the Board had a wide-ranging discussion about future uses of the downstairs kitchen area. It was determined that a good way to proceed would be for some members of the Board meet with some members of the Food Pantry for further discussion. John Loyd will be reaching out to Jean toward that end.

Approve Site Plan estimate. Christopher reported. Two quotations had been received for work on the site plan. The quotation provided by landscape architect Mary Weber was substantially less expensive for the work the Center wants to have done. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to contract with Mary Weber for the site plan with the understanding that the cost of the project will not exceed \$4,000.**

Board Meeting date change. The Board has missed having opportunities to meet with members of the Sandy Mush community. Such meetings would have to take place in the gym to maintain social distancing. Since the only weeknights available to use the gym are Thursday and Friday, and since Friday night meetings took place previously, **it was moved, seconded, and approved that Community Meetings be moved to the third Friday of the month beginning October 16, 2020.**

WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

The following reports were received:

- Youth Report—Peggy Baldwin
- Open Study Hall—Peggy Baldwin
- Census—Peggy Baldwin
- Rec Team—Vanessa Campbell. Christopher asked if there will be a Buncombe County Rec proposal written by October 16th. Vanessa will look into this.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Following up on a community concern, Bruce asked about the possibility of obtaining a tent for outdoor use while the Center is closed. It was the sense of the room that due to liability concerns, weather, tent costs, and maintenance, it would be better to focus on expanding the indoor use of the Center.

Al Davis noted that as storage is a continuing concern of the Center, it would be a good idea to develop a plan for using the coal room so it could be used at a future date.

Bruce noted that he recently met with Nancy Jurek about the possibility of using the gym for socially-distanced yoga on Tuesday mornings starting at 9:30. This possibility was strongly endorsed by those attending.

The meeting was adjourned by Christopher at 8:40 pm.