

September 2, 2016

Attending: Terri Wells, Dave Everett, Kim Everett, Peggy Baldwin, Brownie, Kathleen Campbell, Bob Campbell, Betsy Weinschall, Laurie Brown, Christopher Jayne, Vanessa Campbell

Dave Everett calls the meeting to order.

**Minutes** – Terri Wells announced three changes to the minutes and the Board approves the minutes with the announced changes.

**Treasurer Report** – Terri Wells reads the report for Cathy Phillips. The Board approves the Treasurer Report.

**Building Operations** - Dave Everett is seeking a person to give us an assessment on the building repair needs in order to request the funds from the county commission. Chris Jayne has a suggestion of someone who might be able to make the assessment and Dave will contact the person.

**Grounds** – Kathleen reports that she and Jean Barbera have been maintaining the gardens. They are planning more perennials for next year.

Old Business:

**501c3** – The community center has been awarded non-exempt status.

**Buncombe County Extension Grant with Buncombe County Rural and Community Development** has been submitted for \$1,500 to purchase a refrigerator and speakers for the sound system.

**Community Cash Reward** – Terri submitted the application and report and we will be awarded some monies from this effort.

**Buncombe County Recreation Grant** – Board approved submitting this grant to fund presentation equipment and the history days project camcorder and equipment. Members present discuss options to increase the capabilities of the items to be purchased including Smart TV and DVD player with BluRay.

**Action:** John Loyd gathered quotes and submitted to Terri Wells who will write the grant in September. Any other suggestions can be sent to Terri and she will talk with John Loyd about improving the quote.

**Potluck and History Day** – Potluck will be Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chris would like to invite Greg Brookshire to talk about his book and bring books to sign. Chris would like the event to be a conversation starter where people bring their pictures and share stories with the goal for new people in the community and younger people to hear stories. Chris would like to bring some aerial photos and maps and some resources from the NC Archives.

**Action:** Chris will send a short write-up to Terri for the newsletter. Greg will be invited to speak in the library 30 minutes prior to the potluck. Chris will make a plan to organize the talks.

**Shooting Range Update** - 4-H has suspended their shooting team practice for this season. They may talk with the county at the beginning of the year to try and get permission to use the range. If they should get permission, then we have asked that the center be included in talks so we can make a plan for the use of the range.

**November 26 Sandy Mush Benefit Dance** – The dance was successful last year and we are suggesting several changes based on what we learned from last year. This year we will begin at 6:30 with the lesson and end the dance at 10. A simple meal of soup/chili will be available for an additional fee. The dance is already posted on posted on the Old Farmer’s Ball schedule for the larger dance community. Kim Everett suggests we keep to the evening schedule this year.

New Business:

**Sandy Mush t-shirt** – We will have a new t-shirt each year. Community member Chris Heidl will do a pen and ink drawing for the Sandy Mush t-shirt this year. Terri Wells is doing research for the t-shirt printing. Laurie Brown will pass along the name of one of our community members who prints t-shirts.

**Newsletter** – Terri passes around the print newsletter draft that will go to 550 homes in Little and Big Sandy Mush.

**WNC Communities** – Dave Everett, Terri Wells and Peggy Baldwin attended the WNC Communities meeting on Tuesday. The presentation was focused on internet and bringing internet to rural areas. Dave suggests that SMCC tap into the fiber optic line that has recently passed in front of the center in order to bring Wi-Fi access to the community center. This cable will come on line by the end of the month or October. Chris agrees it opens many possibilities for the center and the community members. Terri Wells will contact AT&T for a quote.

**Feral Pigs** – Laurie Brown asks about feral pig removal. Terri Wells will pass along the name of the USDA representative who is managing the removal for this area.

The meeting is adjourned.