

SANDY MUSH COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA
JANUARY 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME - PRESIDENT @ 6:00pm

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS 10 minutes

Minutes: Amy Sue Moore

Financial Reports: Bruce Larson

OLD BUSINESS

Frank Barbara: Brief update on all current Capital improvements going on in the building. 10 minutes

Coal room renovation

Exterior door installation

Site plan project

Internet upgrade

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Barbara: Brief discussion about the Capital Improvement team and their role in the center for our new board members. 5 minutes

Frank B. Leicester artist tour discussion. 5 minutes.

Terri Wells will be joining us to share pertinent county updates. 10 minutes.

Kevin Campbell: Concerning the need for a calendar overseer. 5 minutes

Amanda Barnes: Vote on the Community Outreach Agreement with the Methodist church.
5 minutes

Steering Team: Strategic partnership grant 2022. 5 minutes

Lorrie: SPG and Tipping point grant. 5 minutes

Steering Team: New Board member Orientation. 5 minutes

ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

Lisa Beth White : Sandy Mush Senior Citizens Project

Peggy Baldwin: Youth Report

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS. 10 minutes

ADJOURNMENT BY PRESIDENT @ 7:15

January, 2022 Youth Team Report

Monday Playgroup resumed January 10 after a snow cancellation on January 3rd. As we all know, Covid is on the rise. We hope to be able to continue without a pause but will keep a close watch on the situation in Buncombe County. We have another snow cancellation for January 17th and 18th. Right now, Covid is a concern for many of the activities that have been discussed for youth at SMCC but it will not always be this way. Looking forward to Spring!

Our attendance continues to be high on Mondays, averaging 18 to 25 children plus adults. We will be setting up play centers and activities in different portions of the gym and mezzanine as well as the youth room to help with distancing when it is too cold for long periods of outside play. Diane and I are also willing to extend the hours from 10 to 1 for January and February for extended play for the older children and to have fewer children at the center at the same time since younger children do not usually stay the full time. Many families stay after playgroup now outside but weather is a factor for winter so we would need to keep the center open.

The HEPA filter has arrived thanks to a Buncombe Recreation grant written by Bruce Larson! We used the filter last Monday in the Youth Room and will share use with the yoga room and library.

I attended a zoom training about the Early Childhood grant offered by Buncombe County. The focus is on Kindergarten Readiness and could be a good match for extended SMCC Youth programming once the pandemic slows since we have a large number of children preschool age to six years. In the meantime, we will look into writing a Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant to expand SMCC summer programming for Pre K through elementary students.

We have in the curriculum library some excellent hands-on math learning materials donated by two area teachers. We ordered a few supplies to fill in and are offering some workshops so children and parents know ways to use these materials to encourage checking them out of the library.

Submitted By Peggy Baldwin

Sandy Mush Community Outreach Team report

The Community Outreach project for our Sandy Mush senior citizens has decided to put the February 5th event on hold due to the high number of COVID19 cases in Buncombe County. We have been given an extension on the grant funding. The original grant dates were to begin in fall of 2021 and use all funds by June 2022. We are reevaluating the priority of our goals (Community Nurse program, transportation program, monthly events with meal and information) and will contact the SMCC calendar person with revised event dates soon. Many thanks to the SMCC representatives on the Outreach Team who have been working hard in this ever-changing situation.