

Sandy Mush Community Center Board of Directors

Agenda

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

- Call to Order & welcome- President 6:00 p.m.

Minutes & Financial Reports: (10 min)

- Minutes- Amy Sue Moore (5 min.)
- Financial Reports- Bruce Larson (5 min)

New Business: (40 min)

- Sherriff's Dept.- Blake/Miller (15 min)
- Coal Room Project- Bruce Larson (10 min)
- Conflict Resolution Plan- Peggy, Lorrie, Ilsa- (10 min)
 - Food Pantry Future Vote (5 min)

Oral Reports & Status Updates: (15 min)

- Rental Team- Frank Ramirez (10 min)
- Spring Fling- Frank Ramirez (5 min)

Written Reports & Status Updates: (5 min).

- Food Pantry- Jean Barbara
- Youth Report- Peggy Baldwin
- Internet Report- Mark Diaz

Community Announcement & Public Comment (15 min)

- Adjournment by President @ 7:30 p.m.

SMCC Food Pantry Report
March 2022
Note From Jean and Frank Barbara

After 5 years serving as the Directors of the SMCC Food Pantry, we will be stepping down effective after the April 8th distribution. This was a difficult and emotional decision for both of us and have enjoyed doing this work and getting to know and help our neighbors.

We would like to thank the many, many volunteers that have helped over the years. If you volunteered only a few times, joined us at almost every distribution, filled in when needed, stepped up to volunteer during this ongoing pandemic – thank you!

We continue to see 90+ households each month and the current distribution model is just not sustainable with our mainly senior citizen volunteers. Running a food pantry is a big undertaking with many moving parts and the volunteers that would like to continue this program should know that they have the support of the SMCC Board before exploring their options. **With a change of leadership, change of distribution method, need for a dedicated space, and being that all programs serve at the pleasure of the Board, the pantry is asking per the bylaws (Article IV Section 5) that the Board confirms their desire for this program to continue. We are requesting this be put to a vote at the March 15th meeting.**

About 75% of our pantry clients are senior citizens and the supplemental food we supply them each month makes a difference in their lives. We strongly feel a food pantry of some sort is needed here in Sandy Mush and hope the Board agrees. We would be available to help with the transition.

Youth Team Report March, 2022

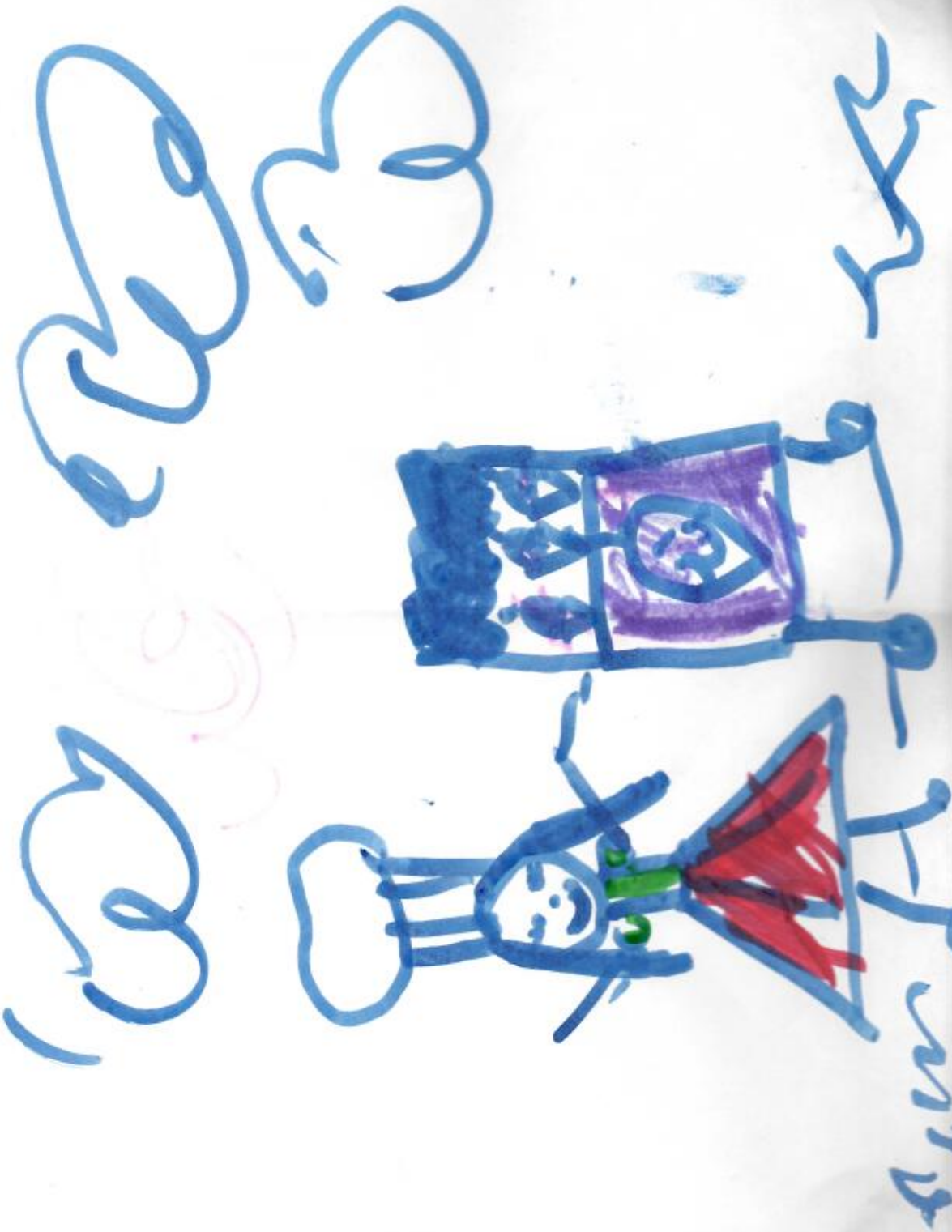
After a snowy January with two Monday Playgroups snowed out and an Omicron surge, Monday Playgroup and Home School workshops returned in full swing. Some of the children participated in the Buncombe County Comprehensive Plan postcard project to envision what they like about their home and hope for the future (see an entry attached). Most of the group were very interested in keeping chickens and raising food. We celebrated Valentines Day with a party including Bingo and cakewalks, baking cookies and making cards.

Movement and hands on math workshops were held for three Tuesdays to introduce the children of different elementary ages to some of the math learning materials available in the curriculum library at SMCC. A once a month math camp is in discussion. **Thanks to Maria Baker, a retired Buncombe County teacher, who helped with the workshops and donated many of the materials from her classroom to SMCC!**

Parents will be taking a more involved role in the Youth Team. **Many thanks to Cheryl Frisbee, Brooke Shilling and Elise Rider for organizing once a month parent/youth team meetings at Monday Playgroup!** In March, families planned for Spring Fling youth events and talked about programming for the Spring. Everyone seemed excited about being a part of bringing youth activities to SMCC and the community. **Cheryl Frisbee and Brooke Shilling will be taking over the family email group and updates that go out a few times each month - thank you, thank you!** Diane Thomas and I will still serve on the Youth Team and volunteer to help with weekly activities.

We were able to order the parts to repair the shade structure at the playgroup. **Thanks to Tate Edwards and Sterling Shilling for being willing to work with the new and old parts to try and get the structure up again.** We will still need to order a replacement canopy.

From the Buncombe Comprehensive Plan Project: Victoria Frisbee's ice cream wagon she hopes to open in Buncombe County when she is older (below).



SMCC Internet Report Jan 2022

Period: 1 to 30 Jan

OUTAGES: None noted

WiFi All SSIDs – Total number of user devices 1790. 21 percent decrease.

50 New 1740 Returning

Total Data 67.19GB 56.24GB received 10.95GB sent

SSID Use:

SMCC Private most used at 53.08 percent

Access Point Monitor:

AP1 most used - 395 Devices (59%) 17 New, 378 Returning

AP2 - 273 Devices (41%) 18 New, 255 Returning

Total Data: AP-1 5.66GB AP-2 61.54GB

Jan 13 busiest day 109 total devices