

**Sandy Mush Community Center
Community Meeting**

Agenda

Tuesday July 19 2022

Call to order- President Amy Surret (6:00pm)

Opening words and introductions- all (10 Minutes)

Minutes and Financial Reports 10 Minutes:

Minutes - Amysue Moore (5 minutes)

Financial Reports - Bruce Larson (5 minutes)

New Business

Donation Possibility from Swannanoa Welcome Table- Lisa Beth Ackerman (5 minutes)

Group discussion on

Code of Conduct and Conflict Resolution: Rest of the meeting

Adjournment - President (7:00pm?)

Sandy Mush Seniors Connection Program

Report for Sandy Mush Community Center – July 2022

The Sandy Mush Seniors Connection Program, a joint program of SMCC and Big Sandy UMC, has had two lunch programs now. Approximately 30 people attended these programs. Information from Buncombe County Council on Aging was provided and a program was given by director Heather Bauer on home safety audits at the June lunch. Attendees were asked their hopes for the Seniors Connection program, and the overwhelming response was for the monthly meals to continue and for information programs as well as games and other social activities to be offered.

The Seniors Connection Program is funded through a grant from the NC Rural Center and the Duke Endowment. The original grant provided funding for a meal “kickoff” event but not ongoing meals. However, as this is what our Sandy Mush senior citizens desire, we are seeking funding and strategies to continue this model.

To that end, Rev. Lisa Beth Ackerman presented the needs of the Seniors Connection Program to the Swannanoa Welcome Table board. Swannanoa Welcome Table was the first welcome table in western North Carolina, beginning when the Beacon Industries plant burned in 2003. Swannanoa Welcome Table board gave grants to other organizations desiring to begin a Welcome Table, including Haywood Street and many others. Now, with the closure and sale of Swannanoa United Methodist Church, the Swannanoa Welcome Table is without a place to serve. Other organizations in Swannanoa are providing meals and the Swannanoa Welcome Table has decided to close and give away their assets. Lisa Beth asked the Swannanoa Welcome Table board to consider the Sandy Mush Seniors Connection program as a recipient.

Board representatives visited Big Sandy UMC and toured SMCC on Sunday, July 17. They are enthusiastic about the community support offered through all of the programs of both BSUMC and SMCC. They asked our organizations to vote on the motion presented below. Big Sandy UMC Trustees voted in favor of the motion on Sunday, July 17.

Motion: That Sandy Mush Community Center and Big Sandy UMC receive the equipment of the Swannanoa Welcome Table; with the understanding that both organizations can use the equipment for the purpose of community outreach & support, especially for the Seniors Connection Program.

This equipment includes: commercial freezer, commercial refrigerator, bread warmer, microwave, ice machine, commercial pots and pans, large food preparation tables, boxes of paper goods, tables and chairs for 100 people, rolling trash cans, etc.