

**Sandy Mush Community Center  
Community Meeting**

**Agenda**

Tuesday October 18, 2022

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

Opening words and introductions- all ( 10 Minutes)

**Minutes and Financial Reports 10 Minutes:**

Minutes -Bruce Larson (5 minutes)

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**Open Agenda**

**Written Reports and Status Updates: 10 Minutes**

**Youth Report**

**Food Pantry**

**Community Announcement and Public Comment: 30Minutes**

Adjournment - President (7:00pm)

**Food Pantry  
October, 2022**

The Food Pantry served 80 households and 248 individuals in October. This was up from July, August and September distributions. Bruce Larson put together a very helpful spreadsheet of pantry service numbers since the start of the pantry in 2017 to help us determine the numbers we might expect going forward. Fall and winter have often seen higher numbers of families coming to the pantry.

Food Lion donated \$1,500 in gift cards to help with the purchase of food for the pantry. We also have a cash grant submitted to Food Lion which we will hear about in November. We are still waiting for the new guidelines for the Golden Leaf Foundation Food Pantry grants. When those are released, we will submit a grant to their foundation for food and supplies for the pantry.

We are back into a more challenging schedule for MANNA delivery at least until the end of the year. The truck will delivery the week before pantry which limits our orders to non-perishables for delivery. Volunteers will need to make a trip to MANNA for pick-up of perishables the day before pantry.

Many thanks to all of the great food pantry volunteers for making it happen each month!

## **Youth Team October, 2022**

We have an active Youth Team of parents who are taking over responsibility for the youth programming along with the other volunteers. The Team meets with any interested participants the first Monday of each month at noon, usually by the playground.

The monthly youth activities at this time are:

Monday Playgroup, 10:30 to 1

Learning Tuesday, every other week, 10:30 to 1

Thursday Open Play Time, 3:30 to 5, aimed at all elementary and middle school age children

Monthly opportunities to meet with Linda Harrison during Monday Playgroup.

The Thursday Open Time is off to a good start with 8 to 10 children attending. This is meant to be a time for school age children to come together. They have been learning the techniques of pickle ball, playing games and free play. Tina Gustavvson and Stacey Peek are opening the center for the Thursday group.

Learning Tuesday from Pre K to older elementary have been participating in experiments on color and learning the classification of animals.

Monday Playgroup has been hearing stories and working on crafts from the Cherokee. They will decorate the youth room next week for a Halloween party on October 31st.

Many of the families plan to participate in Trunk or Treat. Some of the older youth plan to help with the Haunted House.

We hope to have Ilsa Myers return this winter to work from time to time with the younger children around music. We are also looking at grants and existing funds to bring in a musical artist this winter.