

**Sandy Mush Community
Center Community Meeting
Agenda**

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

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

Opening Words and Introductions – All (5 minutes)

Minutes and Financial Reports (10 minutes)

Minutes - Bruce Larson (5 minutes)

Financial Reports - Bruce Larson (5 minutes)

Oral Reports and Status Updates: (30 minutes)

Draft 2023 Budget – Bruce Larson (10 minutes)

Buncombe County Items - Bruce Larson (10 minutes)

- Third-floor Locking System
- Prospective Meeting with Allison Dains, Parks and Recreation Director

WNC Honors Awards Luncheon - Cheryl Frisbee and Amysue Moore (5 minutes)

Seniors Connection Luncheon - Lisa Beth Ackerman (5 minutes)

Written Reports and Status Updates (10 minutes)

- Youth Report – Peggy Baldwin
- Food Pantry Report – Peggy Baldwin
- Events Report – Bruce Larson for the Events Team

Community Announcement and Public Comment (20 Minutes)

Adjournment - President (7:15 pm)

Events Report November 2022

The Events Team suggests the following events for 2023. Additional suggestions are encouraged.

Bingo Nights

Friday January 13

Friday February 3

Friday March 3

BINGO NIGHT WITH A LIGHT MEAL PROVIDED - A suggested donation will be asked for. Maybe only for those eating.

SNOW DATE FRIDAY A WEEK LATER ON ALL BINGO NIGHTS

Volunteer Appreciation

Saturday April 1 – Covered dish/potluck. To be led by Ilsa Myers and Susan Wilson.

Spring Fling

Saturday May 20 - A FAMILY DAY AND PLANT EXCHANGE. Food for sale

Annual July 4th Event

Tuesday July 4 – With FOOD AND MORE; maybe music

Haunted House

Friday and Saturday October 27 & 28 - A ticketed event

Trunk or Treat

Tuesday October 31 - With added programming for children and families

Chili Dinner Benefit

Saturday November 11 - With music and activities. A suggested donation event

Food Pantry Report
November, 2022

In November, the Food Pantry served 96 families and 299 individuals in our community.

The SMCC Food Pantry received a cash grant from Food Lion Foundation for \$2,500 to purchase food in the coming year.

The Golden Leaf Foundation is offering grants in 2023 to help expand the capacity and operation of North Carolina Food Pantries. SMCC is exploring writing one of these grants and submitted a pre-application to determine if we are eligible to submit a grant. We are exploring the feasibility of using funds to complete the storage in the Coal Room with electrical outlets and lights, improving the storage of perishables such as fruits and vegetables and improving the movement of food.

Food Pantry was able to offer either turkey or a small ham to each family for the Thanksgiving holiday as well as a full box of staples and fruits and vegetables. We are thankful to be able to continue offering eggs, bread and milk with most pantries.

Ilsa Myers and Jean and Bruce Larson attended food pantry meetings this Fall for our area and the country. The SMCC Food Pantry team is working on seeking additional sources of food resource in the area and sharing these resources with the food pantry clients.

Many thanks to everyone who helps make this valuable service available through SMCC: the Food Pantry Team, area churches and individuals who make donations, Food Lion on New Clyde Hwy. in Canton, Food Lion Foundation, MANNA and many more current, past and future.

Youth Report
November, 2022

The Youth Team at SMCC is doing a great job of offering youth opportunities for families in the area! **Many thanks to the parents who make up the Youth Team and keep the youth programs going for the community families.**

Many thanks to **Brandee Boggs, Bruce Larson and the Rec. Team** for seeing through a grant that helped provide recreation materials including the great Bingo materials and the newly arrived air hockey table. Thanks to the **Johnson family** for moving it into the gym and the 9 to 12 year old boys – **Zami and Zeiden Johnson and Mooey Shilling** for putting it together. Great job, boys! For the present, it is on the side of the gym. It can go another spot that is accessible to adults and youth during events and family activities. It does need access to electrical.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the October 29 Trunk or Treat and the Haunted House Team for a great success.

Thank to Joyce for opening the library every Monday so the children can check out books.

Monday Playgroup, 10:30 to 1 – Cherokee stories and crafts, Halloween celebration, Thanksgiving potluck celebration this month

Learning Tuesdays, 10:30 to 1 – Science Camp and an upcoming gift craft camp two Tuesdays in November and two in December.

Thursday Open SMCC After School Time, 3:30 to 5 – especially for school age children elementary to middle and a parent

The parents are organizing new text groups on Telegram for each of the regular youth activities in addition to the family newsletter.