

Sandy Mush Community Center

Minutes

March 21, 2023

Attending: Lisa Beth Ackerman, Gary Crossey, Steve Duckett, Joice Elam, Cheryl Frisbee, Diana Gates, Bruce Larson, Ilsa Myers, Frank Ramirez, Kent Seber, Brooke Shilling, Amy McMahan Surrett, Betsy Weinschel, Keith Wells, Susan Wilson. Fifteen people attended.

The meeting was called to order by President Amy McMahan Surrett at 6:00 pm. Bruce Larson asked for help in taking notes for the Minutes and Frank Ramirez volunteered to do so.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Minutes: The minutes for February 21, 2023 were prepared by Secretary Bruce Larson. The Minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

Financial Reports: The financial reports for February 2023 were prepared by bookkeeper Christine Magnarella Ray of Do Good Book, LLC with input from and oversight by Treasurer Bruce Larson and distributed by email. The financial reports were moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Buncombe County Recreation Grant. Bruce reported. He presented a spreadsheet showing the items proposed for the Grant; the spreadsheet was developed by Cheryl Frisbee, Brooke Shilling, and Bruce, with input from Brandee Boggs and Joice Elam. Joice, Cheryl, and Brooke discussed various elements of the proposal. Substantial discussion ensued, suggesting changes, in particular that: (1) the mirrors be deleted from the proposal; (2) a higher quality tv and stand be sought; (3) more durable tent alternatives be explored; and (4) a water fountain for the gym be considered. In light of the above, **it was moved, seconded, and approved that the Grant be revised in light of the enumerated suggestions and other matters as deemed appropriate, and be submitted to Buncombe County.**

Siting a Pavilion. Discussed by all. Bruce noted that his work on the Recreation Grant had drawn his attention, again, to community interest in a pavilion. A pavilion was included in the SMCC Master Plan, the approval of which was rescinded in April 2022,

and it seems like the time had come when it was possible and desirable to consider where to site a pavilion. He provided a copy of the SMCC Master Plan for reference, which has a recommended location for a pavilion.

Discussion ensued. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to create a group to site a pavilion.** The group will be made up of: Brandee Boggs, Gary Crossey, Cheryl Frisbee, Bruce Larson, Frank Ramirez, Kent Seber, Brooke Shilling, and Amy McMahan Surrect.

ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

Strategic Planning Workshop. Bruce reported. He noted that he had spoken with Susan Garrett of WNC Communities about the Workshop, indicating that the Center would not be participating at this time. She indicated that opportunities for us to participate may be available later. WNC Communities decided to proceed with a group of community centers from Madison County for the Workshop pilot group.

Golden Leaf Grant and Coal Room Work. Bruce reported. He noted that the Grant had been submitted by Peggy Baldwin, whose work is greatly appreciated. Decisions about the Grant are scheduled to be made by Golden Leaf in August.

Recently Al Davis and Keith Wells demolished and removed the raised areas in the Coal Room. Subsequently, one of these area required digging out and pouring new cement. Many thanks to Al and Keith for their work.

Communication Team Accounts. Gary Crossey reported. Mailchimp has changed, now allowing up to 1,000 messages free per month—messages beyond that incur a fee. Organizational email addresses ending with @sandymushcommunitycenter.org are being used more widely. Contact has been made with the originator of the Sandy Mush Community Center Instagram account. Work is underway to develop a new SMCC icon—see the updated SMCC website (<https://sandymushcommunitycenter.org/>). New T-shirts and hats are under development.

WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

There were no written reports and status updates.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Beth Ackerman noted that the next Seniors Connection Luncheon will take place on Saturday, March 25th; a volunteer to pick up food at Little Pigs would be greatly

appreciated. In April, the Luncheon will be on Thursday the 20th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. On that same day, the WNCCH Mobile Clinic will be in the parking lot from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Health services will be provided for all ages.

Ilsa Myers noted that the Spring Fling will take place on Saturday, May 20th. She discussed various parts of the event and noted that this year there will be additional vendors.

Bruce noted that SMCC is a sponsor of the annual Come to Leicester Tour on August 19th and 20th. Approval was asked for to make the Center available for artists/craftspeople to show their work in the gym. Approval was given.

The meeting was adjourned by the Vice President at 7:31 pm.