

Sandy Mush Community Center

Minutes

June 20, 2023

Attending: Lisa Beth Ackerman, Gary Crossey, Cheryl Frisbee, Diana Gates, Bruce Larson, Amysue Moore, Ilsa Myers, Frank Ramirez, Brooke Shilling, Amy McMahan Surrett, Betsy Weinschel. Eleven people attended.

The meeting was called to order by President Amy McMahan Surrett at 6:03 pm.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Minutes: The minutes for May 16, 2023 were prepared by Secretary Bruce Larson. The Minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

Financial Reports: The financial reports for May 2023 were prepared by bookkeeper Christine Magnarella Ray of Do Good Books, 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

Water Fountain. Bruce reported. Scott Metcalf of Buncombe County and a staff plumber recently reviewed the existing water fountains in the gym with an eye toward their replacement. After a review of the two existing porcelain water fountains in the gym hallway and the existing water fountain on the gym floor, it was their view that replacing/restoring the porcelain water fountains would be very disruptive. Instead, they suggested consideration of options involving the replacement of the gym floor water fountain. In light of the considered judgement and experience of Scott Metcalf and the staff plumber, **it was moved, seconded, and approved to replace the existing fountain on the gym floor with a two-level fountain with bottle-filling capability.** Bruce will relay this decision to Scott Metcalf. It is understood that Buncombe County will pay for the new water fountain and its installation.

There was follow-up discussion about what to do with the existing porcelain water fountains in the hallway. The historical nature of the building was mentioned, and it was thought best to make decisions about it at a later time.

ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

WNC Communities Visit. Bruce reported. Susan Garrett, the Community Programs Manager of WNC Communities will be visiting SMCC on Wednesday, June 28th from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. She is eager to learn more about the Center and its programs, as well as to share some thoughts about how WMC Communities can be of assistance. Participation at this meeting is invited. Please contact Bruce if you would like to attend.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Crossey summarized recent work in the area of SMCC communications, including Newsletter distributions, and the website and the volunteer sign-up form found there, which is being used. Please contact Gary if there are things in the communications area that you would like to see done and or if you would like to be part of the Communications Team.

Frank Ramirez provided an overview of the upcoming July 4th Event.

Gary noted that SMCC now has an online store for merchandise. It is ready for use.

Brooke Shilling noted that one of the lights in the Youth Room is pulsating and that the light switch in the Room does not function well. These problems will be looked into.

Lisa Beth Ackerman provided an update on the Seniors Connection Lunches for the remainder of the year. The next Lunch is July 15th; there will be no lunch in August.

Amy spoke briefly about a recent podcast that she participated in, the interview for which took place at SMCC.

The meeting was adjourned by President Surrett at 6:55 pm.