

# **Sandy Mush Community Center**

## **Minutes**

*December 20, 2022*

**Attending:** Lisa Beth Ackerman, Peggy Baldwin, Steve Duckett, Christopher Jayne, Bruce Larson, John Loyd, Amy Sue Moore, Ilsa Myers, Amy McMahan Surrett, Betsy Weinschel, Barbara Wells, Keith Wells, Susan Wilson. Thirteen people attended.

The meeting was called to order by President Amy McMahan Surrett at 6:00 pm.

### **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Minutes:** The minutes for November 15 were prepared by Secretary Bruce Larson. The Minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

**Financial Reports:** The November financial reports 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**

**Recreation and Small Project Grant.** In the absence of Lorrie Jayne, several people reported. Bruce noted that a variety of Buncombe County grants are now open to receive applications. Along those line, Christopher Jayne indicated that Lorrie likely would have wanted people to start thinking early about grants. John Loyd asked if there might be grant options for a few new items, to which Bruce suggested that those items be identified and communicated to the Board. For larger items, Steve Duckett suggested looking to Buncombe County for capital expenditures.

**2023 Budget.** Bruce reported. He presented a slightly revised version of the Draft 2023 Budget presented in November, discussing those slight changes. **The Draft Budget was moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.**

**New Board Recommendation.** John reported. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, consisting of himself, Steve Duckett, and Ilsa Myers, he put forward four nominees for three-year terms on the Board of Directors: Kent Seber, Brooke Shilling,

Betsy Weinschel, and Keith Wells. **The nominees were moved, seconded, and approved.**

In addition, John put forward the following people for one-year terms as officers: Amy McMahan Surrett for President, Amysue Moore, for Vice President, and Bruce Larson for Secretary and Treasurer. **The nominees were moved, second, and approved.**

## **ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES**

**Seniors Connection Project.** Lisa Beth Ackerman reported. She thanked all of the people who were involved in putting on the December Luncheon. For the first quarter of 2023, weather permitting, Senior Luncheons will be held on:

- Saturday, January 28
- Saturday, February 25
- Saturday, March 25

**Coal Room Renovations.** Bruce reported. He presented a sketch of the layout of the Coal Room in its proposed final form. One half of the area would be used for packing food boxes using current practice, and the other half would be used for food storage (in freezers, in refrigerators, and on shelves). This is a first draft and may change. A Golden Leaf grant is being written to pay for the renovation of the Coal Room. Peggy Baldwin discussed the process and where we stand in it.

## **WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES**

In lieu of written reports, the following oral reports were made.

**Food Pantry.** Peggy reported. The December Pantry served 105 households and 304 individuals, with foods appropriate to the season, e.g., turkeys and hams, being distributed along with food boxes. She noted that Dollar General has become a provider of food to the Pantry.

After the December 9th Food Pantry, team members met with Jacob McIntosh of MANNA to discuss the possibility of the SMCC Food Pantry becoming a The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) member. This program would provide food to eligible recipients on a monthly basis and would require additional record keeping as well as a way to keep TEFAP food separate from the other food distributed by the Pantry. There are a number of details that remain to be worked out and no

commitment has to the program was made. To learn more about TEFAP, Jacob will return to SMCC on Wednesday, January 11th to provide a two-hour training.

Lisa Beth noted that there is a possibility of obtaining commodity boxes from the Council on Aging, about which more needs to be learned.

**Youth Team.** Peggy reported. She noted that the Team is coming on strong and is parent-driven with new options for youth. Leadership is very involved and very impressive.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Keith Wells mentioned the importance of cleaning up after using the facility. Along those lines, John noted that it would be good for there to be some regular oversight of the kitchen.

Bruce noted that the January Community Meeting would be devoted to orientation.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:00 pm.