

**SANDY MUSH COMMUNITY CENTER  
COMMUNITY MEETING**

AGENDA  
August 15, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME - PRESIDENT @ 6:00pm**  
Introductions—All (5 minutes)

**MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS** (10 minutes)  
Minutes: Bruce Larson  
Financial Reports: Bruce Larson

**Discussion**  
“Should Do” input—All (50 minutes)

**ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES**  
Communication Team—Gary Crossey (10 minutes)

**WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES**  
Youth Team—Cheryl Frisbee

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS** (10 minutes)

ADJOURNMENT BY PRESIDENT @7:25



## **Mid-Year Check-In (July 18, 2023)**

*What should we do? (Grouped)*

### **Teams**

- Provide information about specific teams and volunteer opportunities
- Review our teams and see if we have all the teams we need
- Develop a grants team
- Hire a grants writer
- Reinvigorate some past teams, e.g., Health, Development, Recreation
- Revisit History Team
- Preserving SMCC history as a regular way of doing things
- Meeting of Board members and various teams for information purposes
- Group photo of Board, possibly teams

### **Volunteers**

- Develop volunteer retention program
- Attract more volunteers

### **Activities**

- Form a workgroup to address all of these issues
- Look at Bylaws and Terms
- Unpack Welcome Table donations

### **Events**

- Volunteer Appreciation Day
- Fall event to get to know one another

### **Communication**

- Develop better outreach for mobile health clinic
- Some paper distribution of Newsletter
- Lift up the farm/heritage work of the Center

## **Building**

- Commercial kitchen on gym level, could be used for cooking classes—educational
- People/users do a better job of cleaning/tidying after use
- No dogs in building (Buncombe County policy says only service animals allowed in building) [Signage]

## **Grounds**

- Circle back to the Site Plan
- Pavilion
- Community Garden

## **Service**

- Hold a rabies clinic/spay-neuter clinic (Appalachian Animal Hospital)
- Dental bus (NC Baptist Men)
- Start thinking outside the building (SMCC property)

## Youth Update for July 2023

Mondays have been busy with lots of fun activities for the month of July! We hosted our 2nd Annual July Field Daze with each Monday offering a different theme, including Water Day, Art/Bubble Day, Buncombe County Recreation hosted games, and concluded with Challenge Day! The kids really enjoyed the whole month with planned activities for them. We will have to consider budgeting more for the summer event for next years activities since the group is growing; over 60 people participated. Also, please note, Water day was challenging; it would be helpful to have a long water hose available for Youth to use in the future. Also may want to consider looking into possibilities for water pressure and hookups being in more than one outdoor location of the building.

### Fan in Gym:

Also, is it possible to replace or fix the large fan in the gym? The large one that is currently available is showing electrical cords at plug in and concerned that children may touch it or try to unplug it.

### Upcoming:

Transitioning into the school year, our Monday group typically is not as big and offers opportunities for the kids to lead some clubs and activities together. We hope to offer more for the older age groups to keep them involved and engaged.

Homeschool group will tentatively take place the 2 Tuesdays a month from 10am- 1pm and are considering offering more planned group field trip opportunities as well.

The Thursday afternoon group for older children took a break for the summer, but will begin in the Fall if there is interest.

SMCC partnered with Buncombe County Recreation to bring their activity van for play one day each month. This will continue into the Fall with the activity van coming to SMCC on September 18, October 9 and November 6.

## Mid-Year Check-In (July 18, 2023) Revised

*What are we doing well?*

- Youth Program
- July 4th Event
- Food Pantry
- Events Team doing new things
- Board function going smoothly
- Communication overall is improving
- Thursday Youth Activity
- Everyone doing a phenomenal job
- Ditto the above
- Leadership running like a well-oiled machine
- Building upkeep
- Buncombe County relationships, for example, the Recreation Department and the General Services Department
- Quiet performance of necessary tasks
- Library
- Team approach is working well
- Great Book Club and Fiber Friends, and recurring events; pickleball is coming
- New and younger faces at the Center
- Great job documenting events; people are using the website Calendar
- Community outreach—reaching more people
- Proud of improved communication
- Seniors Program
- Rentals
- Teams are working well