

**Sandy Mush Community Center
Community Meeting
Agenda**

Tuesday January 16, 2024

Call to order - Ilsa Myers, President (6:00 pm)

Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

Minutes and Financial Reports (10 minutes)

Minutes – Betsy Weinschel, Secretary (5 Minutes)

Financial Reports - Bruce Larson, Treasurer (5 Minutes)

Oral Reports and Status Updates (10 minutes)

Communication Team Proposal - Gary Crossey (10 Minutes)

Overview of Board Handbook (10 minutes)

Review of Mid-Year Check-in Document (25 minutes)

Setting (Realistic) Priorities for 2024 (20 minutes)

Community Announcements and Public Comment (10 minutes)

Adjournment – Ilsa Myers, President (7:30 pm)

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

What should we do? (Grouped) Updated 8/24/23 Revised 9/21/2023

Newly Revised 10/16/2023 **FINAL 10/17/2023**

The Sandy Mush Community Center is a charitable 501(c)(3) organized for the benefit of the Sandy Mush community with a focus on, but not limited to, these purposes:

- Strengthen the sense of community and awareness of community history and its agricultural heritage.
- Increase educational and health and wellness opportunities.
- Increase preservation efforts, including the historic Sandy Mush School and grounds.
- Strengthen and support community organizations.

Teams

- Review teams needed for programs/activities and develop/publicize information about them
- Improve communication among the Board and Teams, including periodic Team reports to the Board as appropriate

Volunteers

- Recognize volunteers and publicize volunteer opportunities
- Develop a volunteer retention program
- Hold an annual Volunteer Appreciation event

Events and Family Activities

- Encourage Board attendance and participation
- Offer chess and other youth/adult activities, e.g., board games
- Consider: family movie night; family activity night; open mic night
- Hold a fall community gathering, e.g., a Heritage Day/Open House

Health and Wellness

- Identify potential H&W activities and their schedules, e.g., pickleball, exercise classes

Service

- Think outside the building, for example, stream clean up and road-side pick up
- Hold a rabies clinic/spay-neuter clinic (Appalachian Animal Hospital)
- Host the Dental bus at the Center (NC Baptist Men)

Activities

- Clean out and organize the Principal's Office and the rooms on either side of the stage
- Unpack, assess, and locate Welcome Table donations
- Create space and locate materials of the Community Recreation Grant
- Record SMCC activities for posterity
- Review Bylaws in relation to Board and Officer Terms
- Conduct a community needs assessment

Communication

- Publicize events such as the mobile health clinic and the farm/heritage work of the Center
- Provide some paper distribution of Newsletter

Building

- Install a bulletin board with suggestion box in the gym
- Provide contact information on bulletin board
- Provide a phone—internet based—for safety
- Encourage cleaning/tidying after building use (signage)
- Inform people about Buncombe County dog rules (signage)
- Investigate requirements for a commercial kitchen on the gym level
- Investigate alternative locking systems for the building
- Develop the Health and Wellness Room for additional activities
- Develop the third floor of the Center

Grounds

- Develop a new site plan

Staffing

- Consider hiring a staff person
- Consider hiring a grants writer