

Sandy Mush Community Center

Minutes

January 16, 2024

Attending: Shelley Baldwin, Lorrie Jayne, Bruce Larson, Ilsa Myers, Frank Ramirez, Brooke Shilling, Elizabeth Weinschel, Keith Wells, Gary Crossey, Joice Elam. Cheryl Frisbee added. Eleven people attended.

The meeting was called to order by President Ilsa Myers at 6:00 pm.

The newly elected officers were welcomed, introduced and recognized. All attendees made introductions as well.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Minutes: The minutes for December 19, 2023, were prepared by Secretary Bruce Larson and distributed by email. They were moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

Financial Reports: The financial reports for December 2023 were prepared by bookkeeper Christine Margarella Ray of Do Good Books, LLC with input by Treasurer Bruce Larson and distributed by email. All the financial reports and operating budgets were moved, seconded and approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Crossey, Communication team, presented a Google Account Access Workshop. The objective of the workshop is to provide the SMCC Board and Team leaders access to their Google Suite account and familiarize them with all the tools available. The proposed duration of the workshop is 2 hours.

The agenda will include setting up accounts and browser for multiple user profiles, how to forward so no information is lost, how to use the Google calendar, and a Q&A session/trouble shooting common issues.

Possible dates/times: Tuesday, Jan. 30th 4-6, Monday, Feb. 12th 4-6, Tuesday, Feb.13th 4-6

Artwork/online store: soon children's artwork merchandise will be available, first store payment of \$17.27.

Website: Minutes 5-7 are now searchable, Meeting 7 Board review of the first Earth Day

Clarification of team meetings/contact by email if necessary -

admin@sandymushcommunitycenter.org

Handbook Review – Bruce Larson reviewed the SMCC handbook for the Board of Directors, noting the new members and teams. The Capital Improvement and internet teams have been eliminated for they are no longer active. Names need to be added to the events' and to the grants' teams. Grant writers are encouraged to volunteer.

A Wellness team was discussed. Contact with Nancy Jurek (Cheryl will contact) was suggested and talk of possible Tai Chi classes. The Youth team leaders suggested using the Yoga room for more activities provided everyone agrees to clean up the room after each use. A 55-inch television with rolling stand to provide entertainment and access to exercise programs and classes was purchased with funds from a grant from the Buncombe County Community Recreation Grant. (Bruce will need help to set this up and it will be kept locked in the principal's office when not in use.)

Youth team – requested a bicycle pump be available in the equipment room to keep the balls inflated. The team also wants the piano moved to the stage and out of the equipment room. The ping pong table needs to be repaired or removed. A new place for it needs to be found. For safety, the ladders need to be secured. The possibility of a dressing room was mentioned.

MID-YEAR CHECK IN

Ilsa Myers brought up her conversation with Susan Garrett with the NC Center for Nonprofits concerning the Strategy Planning Program for 2024. The deadline for confirming participation is January 31st which is rapidly approaching. After much discussion pro and con, the persuasion to participate prevailed. The volunteers must be committed to participate in the 2-hour workshop. The workshop will help our center to create a strategic plan to help the community grow and provide more beneficial activities, to set our goals and plan how to achieve them. The sharing of ideas among the community centers of Buncombe County will help demonstrate good ideas and programs other centers provide. It's an opportunity to exchange ideas on what works and what doesn't.

The program will continue through June 30th when the final strategic plan is due to count for the WNC Honors participation. Then mid-September the board will attend a 90-day check-in consultation via zoom to celebrate accomplishments and give feedback.

Members committed to attending are: Ilsa Myers, Frank Ramirez, Bruce Larson, Shelley Baldwin, Brooke Shilling, Cheryl Frisbee, and possibly Brandee Boggs. Gary Crossey agreed to be Point Person.

The participation in the Strategic planning program was moved and seconded and approved.

Community announcements and public comment

Senior Luncheon – this Saturday, January 20th, 11 am in the downstairs kitchen. The Health Department will attend and provide Flu and Covid shots and maybe others.

Ilsa Myers wants to recognize John Thomas for his contribution and support of SMCC. A memorial service will be at Payne's Chapel but no date has been set yet.

Bruce Larson said Peggy has located a locking cabinet for the donated art supplies. The donor approved the cabinet and Bruce will order it on Amazon and donate a combination lock.

Bruce needs help, technical and physical, with setting up the 55-inch TV to be stored in the principal's office.

The youth group is preparing a science fair for the homeschoolers.

Police Captain Preston Honeycutt has proposed a fireside chat at the center Thursday, Feb. 8 from 6-8 with food. Frank Ramirez will follow up.

Next Bingo and potluck – February 10, 5:30, all are welcome, it's fun!

Adjournment - Ilsa Myers, 7:30