

# Sandy Mush Community Center

## Minutes

*December 19, 2023*

**Attending:** Peggy Baldwin, Shelley Baldwin, Gary Crossey, Steve Duckett, Joice Elam, Cheryl Frisbee, Diana Gates, Lorrie Jayne, Bruce Larson, John Loyd, Amysue Moore, Ilsa Myers, Kent Seber, Brooke Shilling, Sawyer Shilling, Betsy Weinschel, Keith Wells. Seventeen people attended.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Amysue Moore 6:00 pm.

### **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Minutes:** The minutes for November 21, 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 November 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**

**Budget Approval.** Bruce reported. He shared and discussed a slightly revised 2024 budget from the November meeting. The budget is balanced, with revenues and expenditures of \$28,820. The budget was moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

**Election of New Board Members.** Cheryl Frisbee reported. We were reminded of the nominations made and accepted by the Board at the November meeting: President, Ilsa Myers; Vice President, Frank Ramirez; Secretary, Betsy Weinschel; Treasurer, Bruce Larson; Board of Directors, Shelley Baldwin, and Board of Directors, Elise Rider. Officers are customarily elected for two-year terms and Board members for three-year terms. The nominees were moved to be elected as nominated, and were seconded and elected to their positions. Board members completing their terms on the Board of Directors were: Steve Duckett, Diana Gates, Amysue Moore, and Amy McMahan Surret. Thanks were extended to all for their past and prospective service.

## ORAL REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

**Communication Team Update.** Gary Crossey reported. It was noted that the 100th anniversary of the Sandy Mush School is on the horizon within the next two-three years and a celebration of that event is under consideration. Preliminary thoughts lean toward an immersive, living history event, where people move through the building in a way inspired by the Haunted Halloween events of the last two years. Sponsorship of such an event is possible, which could draw attention to the Cherokee heritage of the area.

Gary also noted that an initial check based upon webstore purchases can be expected in the new year.

## WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATUS UPDATES

Food Pantry Report

## DISCUSSION

**Donation of art and craft supplies.** Peggy Baldwin reported. She noted that the Principal's Office will soon be cleaned and organized by herself and Frank Ramirez.

Peggy also noted that a community member has offered to donate craft supplies to the Community Center and to purchase a lockable cabinet to store them. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the community member's offer of craft supplies, as well as the offer to purchase a cabinet to hold them.**

Some discussion followed about the well-received youth program at the last Seniors Connection Luncheon. In relation to this, it was noted that the next Buncombe County Recreation Grant application might include refinishing the floor of the stage, to which John Loyd noted that there is a real need for better stage lighting, since there is only one light bulb at present. Perhaps this could be included in the next grant application.

## REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR

Attendees shared brief comments on their experiences during 2023.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Amysue Moore at 7:00 pm.