

Minutes: Thursday, January 4, 2024
Monterey Community Center Committee

Present: Laurie Shaw, Wendy Jensen, Mark Andrews, Elaine Lynch, JoAnn Bell, Kyle Pierce, Roz Halberstadter, Mike Zerbel, RJ Supa, Director

Meeting commenced at 10:00 am

December 14, 2023 Minutes approved.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, February 8, 2024 @ 10am at the MCC**

Upcoming Programs:

- Linda Neilson is starting a quilting group.
- Grief group is continuing and meeting once a month. Next meeting Jan. 31
- Hanna Jensen is offering two pie crust workshops, Pie Crusts 101 on Jan. 13th and Pie Crusts 2.0 on Jan. 20th.
- COA is co-sponsoring with the MCC a trip to the Mahaiwe to watch the live feed of the Metropolitan Opera this coming Sat. (Jan. 6) and the MCC may have a discussion group afterwards at the MCC.
- Wendy J will call Molly Goodchild about teaching a beginner knitting class during a Darn Yarners meeting. Darn Yarners are meeting on the first Thursday of the month from 1-3pm.
- RJ is researching CPR training for the board (and possibly others). This is not urgent and he will make more calls. He's already talked to the Southern Berkshire Ambulance and they don't do this.
- RJ reports that Bruce Mandel (musician) is interested in performing at the CC possibly on May 18th. There was discussion about charging a fee for renting the space.
- RJ reports that he has two groups that may want to rent the CC for private parties. He will get more information and check to see if we need to cancel any programs for them to happen. They may be on Saturdays.

Winterfest:

Plans are under way for our annual Winterfest on Sunday, Feb. 18th from 1-3pm. Monday, Feb. 19 as a snow date.

- Andrew Shaw will be our DJ again.
- Kyle, Mark A and Kit will make chili, Kyle has paper bowls and napkins.
- Catherine Hurst will make crepes.
- JoAnn B will get cookies from Gould Farm
- Laurie will get the hotdog buns,condiments, marshmallows (for roasting) and hot chocolate packets, Hume will donate 100 hotdogs
- There will be hot cider, hot chocolate and coffee (Wendy will bring the Airpots for coffee)
- There will be crafts: roll up candles, paper wreath, and mandarin orange wreaths
- RJ will let the police know of the event
- Mark A. will ask for a donation from the Parks Commission, they have covered the DJ in the past
- Tom Ryan can't do the bonfire this year. RJ will check with Justin Makuc to see if he will be our firetender.
- Porta John has been reserved
- Advertising: RJ will make up a poster and post it around town and on the Google group
- We need volunteers to help with all positions.

Other Business:

- Budget: Laurie and RJ met with Frank A., Roger M. and Melissa N to go over our budget. The meeting went well and Laurie will have copies with the changes at the next meeting.
- Community Garden: Laurie and RJ met with Bonner and Hutch Neilson about the needs of the garden. They are working on getting a new fence around the garden. Jim Hunt may be willing to help with some aspect of this. RJ will talk to him. Hutch is designing the gate for the garden.
- Discussion of the chair/table storage rack and the folding Ping-Pong table situation was held. Mike A and Mark A are collaborating on an idea for where the table could possibly go and the chair rack would then be easily accessible. He will look into that further.
- RJ will put out on the Google group that the CC has a wish list and doesn't need other things dropped off at the CC. Items on the wish list are: 1. Tool Kit 2. Video Games 3. A 10,000 BTU air conditioner to replace the one we have that isn't big enough.
- There was discussion about a long term planning committee for the CC. RJ discussed what the library does. He will get more details from them so we could move forward with one as well. It was generally felt that it would be a good idea.
- Edith's self portrait is here. Mike Z. met the family and accepted the painting. The family would like to return in the spring for a celebration. There was discussion about getting the painting framed so it could be hung in the rotations with Edith's other works.
- RJ suggested that we need an exterminator for the mice in the building. He will check into this.
- RJ reminded the committee that the CC website is still being paid for by Mary M. It was discussed that FWMH could be paying for this. RJ will contact Joe B. and Evelyn from the FWMH committee.
- There was a suggestion that we clean up the area where the listening device equipment is. Was there another place where it could be? Should there be a cabinet to house it?
- Pavilion: Plans for the pavilion are on hold while the committee waits for the Mass State Cultural Council grants response.

Meeting adjourned: 11:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Wendy G. Jensen