

Minutes: Thursday, March 17, 2022
Monterey Community Center Committee

Meeting commenced via Zoom @ 10:10 am

Present: Laurie Shaw, Chairperson, Mary Makuc, Coordinator, Wendy Jensen, Roz Halberstader, Kyle Pierce, JoAnn Bell, Dennis and Elaine Lynch, Catherine Hurst

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 21, 2022, 10:00 am at the MCC**

-Minutes were approved for the February 10 meeting.

MCC Coordinator evaluation discussion. Laurie had sent around a copy of the town employee evaluation form for us to fill out for Mary. Please fill out and return to Laurie as soon as possible. Laurie would love to see more hours added to this position but it is not possible this year as the budget has been finished for this year. We must work on delegating jobs so everything doesn't fall on Mary. There was discussion about having set hours for Mary's work with the flexibility of switching days if there are events Mary needs to oversee.

Mary discussed her job position, which she is happy with. She would like to keep the position to 10 hours/week. She suggests that maybe we look at the job description again at some point to see if there should be revisions. Mary has three goals: 1. To find and reassess the protocol and procedures for the MCC committee and then post it on the town website. 2. Have a maintenance check list for the MCC and give a copy and discuss with Jim Hunt (Director of Operations). 3. Get a clearer sense of the MCC budget on an ongoing basis and be able to know at any given time how much money has been spent and received.

Dennis asked about creating an inventory of the items that are in the building, upstairs and down. It was suggested that each group that may own items draw up their own inventory and we create a central list posted so everyone knows where things are and who they belong to.

Catherine, as a potential committee member, asked about how the committee structure works. There was discussion about having more structure and revisiting the protocol and procedures, as above.

Programs:

-Winterfest: Great thanks to everyone for a very successful event. There was very positive feedback and we had over 70 people in attendance. It was a great day! Discussion about what we might change for next year: 1.more food (we ran out of chili and hotdogs) 2. We will use an outdoor grill to cook the hotdogs. 3. Maybe a larger fire and have it started sooner, maybe 1 1/2hours prior to the event.

-There was a suggestion of a summer fest or fall festival but not as involved as the Octoberfest of the past, it was a LOT of work.

-Meditation has finished its first session but is coming back on Friday's for 5-6 weeks.

-Tai Chi is still at the library but they are eager to get outside, hopefully in May. The COA has helped fund this through April. How will we pay for this going forward? There was much discussion about treating the summer differently than the winter as there are many more people attending and many of them can be new. Should there be two classes? Or, should we have the beginners come for the first ½ hour and then the more experienced folks come after that? Laurie will talk to David about how he'd like to handle this.

-Gentle yoga on Fridays is ongoing with 3-5 people.

-Ping Pong is still happening but it is a small group.

-Several town groups are now using the MCC for their meetings: Planning board, by-law review and renewable energy.

- Bridge has not yet resumed but it will.
- Kay Purcell will start a Pitch playing group on Tuesday.
- Mary is talking with Joe Baker and Bonner McAllester about offering one or more birdwatching sessions. Will there be a fee? Important to remind folks to shut phones off while in the session.
- Dignity talk with Donna Hicks coming up on Thursday, April 14th at 4pm. Lauren Berhman is headin this up and folks can watch it at the library or the MCC.
- Game day hasn't really taken off and Aldeth will take a break for now. It was suggested that maybe there needs to be food or music at the same time to make the event more festive.
- Dennis suggested that maybe some folks might like to watch sports together at the MCC. Maybe a Superbowl party next year?
- Roberta Epstein is volunteering to have more support groups, particularly for veterans.
- Lyn Saberski is working on getting the Elder Estate Law program available again.
- We still have some Cultural Council grant monies for the coffee house (\$700) and the mushroom program (\$200) so we will have to work on getting those programs together.
- Mary and Bonner are going to start up the Darn Yarners stitching group on April 10th.

Other Business:

- Lighting for MCC: RFPs have gone out and we will know who has responded on March 24th. Laurie, Mary and Wendy went to the joint Finance/Selectboard Budget meeting to speak to the \$7000 contingency fund for the lighting project due to the increase in costs.
- Pavilion: Laurie, Mary and Wendy J are gathering information on pavilions to present to the Selectboard and request ARPA monies to pay for it. This would be a permanent replacement for our greatly used tent these last 3 years.
- Planter: Wendy J is suggesting that we no longer use the tall planter box as it has been fixed once and it broke again under the intense rains it got last year. It was suggested that we get two large pots for each side of the door to fill for the summer. Wendy J will look into this.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:45

Respectfully submitted by Wendy G. Jensen