

Minutes: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Monterey Community Center Committee

Present: Laurie Shaw, Chairperson, Mary Makuc, Program Director, Wendy Jensen, JoAnn Bell, Elaine Lynch, Kyle Pierce and Wendy Germain

Meeting commenced at 4:00 pm.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 13, 2022, 10:00 am at the MCC**

- Minutes were approved for the August 18, 2022 meeting.
- Election of Officers was completed: Laurie Shaw will continue as Chairperson and Wendy Jensen will continue as Secretary.
- Laurie wrote to the Selectboard about changing Mary Makuc's title from Program Coordinator to Director of the MCC. There was no response so the committee has changed her title to Director of the MCC.
- There is a new system being tested at Town Hall to track hours for town employees. There is a time clock and Mary is part of the trial group.
- There will be a temporary change in Mary's hours for 7 weeks while she pursues some extensive physical therapy. The committee voted to agree on this change. The vote was unanimous. Nancy Kleban will be helping out as well as a few others with specific duties.
- There was discussion about maintenance that needs to be done at the MCC and how they would be paid for.

Past Programs:

- A dance program on Aug 20 by Berkshire Pulse was well received. They would like to come back again.
- Review of concerts: Local musician Marshall Messer and the Desperate Catskill Band attracted 84 people under the tent and on the lawn. Local musician Eric Martin and Karen Axelrod drew 51 folks. The concerts were very successful. We hope to plan a concert series under the tent/pavilion for next year.
- Matter of Balance is no longer a program at the MCC. We need to remove it from our calendar.
- There is some interest in an exercise group, either a "do your own" or do together program as suggested by Nancy Kleban. She has a DVD that could be done by a group.

Upcoming Programs:

- Sept. 18: There will be a workshop with herbalist, Angela Highsmith from New Marlborough on Empowering Herbalism. They will make herbal remedies and drink tea. There is a \$20 fee for participants. The MCC is picking up \$15/person additional fee.
- Oct. 15: There will be a mushroom walk starting at Bob's Way. \$200 from a Cultural Council Grant will be used. JoAnn B is the contact person for this program. There was a suggestion from Wendy G. about making mushroom jerky in a workshop. This might be a possibility in the winter months.
- Oct. 23: Galina Vromen's Story at 4pm called Sarah's Story. Attendance is limited to 30 registrants.
- Oct. 30: Local musician Peter Poirier will have a concert on Sunday afternoon. It is free to the public. The COA will be paying Peter. Only 25 registrants will be allowed as Peter's speakers will take up some space.
- Oct. 31 Halloween at the MCC: Kyle is involved with the festivities
- Nov. 26, Saturday. Roasting Chestnuts and Monterey Lights the Holidays. Dennis and Elaine will be organizing this with other volunteers. They will put the information out on the Google group. Laurie will talk to Janet Jensen about a possible speaker for the Chestnuts portion. Elaine will check that we have enough battery candles for the lighting.
- Stephanie Sloane is working on two short plays for November
- There was some discussion about having something for New Years Eve.

- Wreath making will hopefully happen the first weekend of Dec.
- Wendy G. suggested that we try to organize an Art Weekend?

Other Business:

We need to get applications in to the Monterey Cultural Council for various programs for funding. Elaine and Wendy J will work on the concerts. JoAnn B will work on more mushroom program funding. It was suggested that Catherine might write a grant for some childrens programs.

- ARPA money: Selectboard is hopefully making a decision on Oct. 13th concerning our request for a pavilion.
- Lighting: Nothing is happening and it has been very frustrating.
- Procedures: Mary wants to discuss how many committee members we need and how often we should hold elections for officers.

Meeting Adjourned: 5pm

Respectfully submitted by Wendy G. Jensen