

Minutes: Thursday, November 10, 2022

Monterey Community Center Committee

Present: Laurie Shaw, Chairperson, Wendy Jensen, Roz Halberstaeder, JoAnn Bell, Dennis and Elaine Lynch
Meeting commenced at 1:10pm

-October 20 meeting minutes approved.

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

Past Programs:

- Peter Poirier concert sponsored by the COA was a success with 25 attendees. Once again Peter put on a great show for us.
- Backyard Ecologist program was very interesting and well attended with 17 folks.
- Meditation on Mondays at 3:30 with Kit and Nancy has about 3-4 people will continue.
- All other regular programs are continuing as in previous months.
- Community Chorus will be meeting here at the MCC, not at the church as was stated at last month's meeting.
- The new Monday book club had 6 participants and will continue at the MCC.

Upcoming Programs:

- Mushroom talks/walks seem to be popular so we will look for the recommended film/documentary to possibly show during the winter months. JoAnn will look for the film.
- Janet Jensen has a speaker for the Chestnuts program on Nov. 24.
- Don Barkin's Poetry program will run once a month for Jan, Feb and March.
- MLTH has had \$300 more funds approved for lights and cords. Mary has found a long extension cord so we can light our sign.
- A new drawing class is being discussed.
- A new painting class with Margaret Buchte will be planned soon.
- Nancy Monk will be teaching another Reiki workshop
- Cookie Swap with Catherine Hurst on Dec. 11. Mary mentioned that the scope of the cookie swap may be changing some and we need to contact Catherine for advertising information. Laurie will contact Catherine.
- Wreath making will also happen with Catherine on Dec. 4th. Again we need more details about the supplies and such for the advertising.
- Winterfest will be on Feb. 19th at the beginning of school vacation. There was much discussion about last year's event and how we'd like to make a few changes. Laurie kept a list of the events that we had there last year. Laurie would like to see a larger fire. Dennis discussed a possible propane fire and he will explore that possibility. Some felt the real fire was best but maybe it needed to be started earlier so there would be less smoke. The scavenger hunt was well liked but many felt it was under advertised and we should do a better job with announcing it.
- Dennis had a new suggestion for a Car Show in the summer. We will gather information and discuss this further at our next meeting.

Other Business:

- There was much discussion and brainstorming about the MA Cultural Council Festival Grants and the possibility of us applying for some of these monies for some of our events. The event/s have to happen by June

30, 2023 and the application needs to be in by Dec. 15, 2022. There are grants of \$2500 towards these festivals. Laurie attended a webinar about the grants. It was finally decided that we would look into hosting a cultural Native American event (a tribute to indigenous people) if possible. We might like to work with the Bidwell House on this. The event might happen in the spring. Many of us are exploring possibilities by contacting people we are familiar with and we will report our findings to the other committee members so we can discuss at our next meeting.

Roz-friend in Sheffield with recent finds of artifacts

JoAnn- will contact Rick Wilcox

Wendy- will talk to Bonner M and Michael Johnson for suggestions of an event.

Dennis will write up a draft proposal once the other ideas are in.

-Lighting Update: Laurie again contacted Jim Hunt. Scott Jenssen may be taking some of this project on to get it moving. There was more discussion about some lighting possibly being installed by National Grid but the details are few. The letter written to the select board from the Friends of the Wilson McLaughlin House Committee concerning the lack of lighting at the MCC was received.

-ARPA: our proposal was accepted by the select board however there are not enough funds to cover the entire amount and that will need to be worked out at a later date. The bid proposal needs to be sent out ASAP as the costs that were quoted to the MCC Committee will be going up in January. There was much discussion about how this will happen.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Wendy G. Jensen