

**Minutes: Thursday, December 8, 2022**  
**Monterey Community Center Committee**

**Present:** Laurie Shaw, Chairperson, Wendy Jensen, JoAnn Bell, Dennis and Elaine Lynch, Kyle Pierce  
Meeting commenced at 10:10 am via Zoom (due to Covid)

-November meeting minutes approved.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, January 12, 2023 @ 10am at the MCC**

First order of business was discussion of Mass Cultural Council Festival Grant possibility. There was discussion about an Indigenous Peoples Day in the spring. JoAnn had talked to the Bidwell House about such an event and they would be happy to help out. This would be an Educational/Cultural Event. The grant is due Dec. 15 and the grant is worth over \$2500. Dennis had suggestions that we might be able to make up a number of events to take advantage of this grant. Dennis will talk with Erin at Bidwell. There may not be enough interest in the group to make this happen.

**Past Programs:**

- Wreath Making had a good response with 14 people. Hopefully this will become an annual event. Thank you to Catherine.
- American Chestnuts program with 2 speakers was well attended with about 25 people and about 25 people joined Kevin West for some roasted chestnuts.
- Monterey Lights the Holidays was very successful with roughly 80 people in attendance
- Painting had 7 people attending. This program will now be ongoing.

**Upcoming Programs:**

- Beth Hoffman will offer a drawing class. The class will be free to participants. Date and time TBD.
- Michele Arnot will offer a calligraphy class. Date, time and cost TBD.
- There's been some interest in a Zumba class. There is no organized class yet but Mary will look into Pulse (dance studio) coming to offer a program
- Catherine Hurst is in charge of the upcoming cookie swap on Dec. 11.
- A potential car show in the summer was discussed. Dennis is slowly looking into this. A suggested timing of July or August. Dennis will work with Mary about a date.
- A Reiki workshop is on hold for now
- Don Barkin will be holding a poetry workshop in Feb.
- A winter event for mushroom lovers: Showing the film: "Fantastic Fungi" was suggested. JoAnn will work with the COA about this.
- Winterfest: Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Laurie and Wendy will be away for actual event. A subcommittee was appointed: Wendy J, Laurie and Mary will meet to begin the organizing for the winterfest.

**Other Business:**

- Budget: Budget time is approaching and there is some discussion about changing how the MCC is funded. Mary will need a raise. Susan, Mary, Laurie & Michele Miller will be meeting on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am concerning the funding.
- Pavilion: The MCC request for \$85,000 included the concrete pad. There will be an engineer hired for the plan. It was suggested that all members watch the Select board meeting from Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> on Youtube. There was

a suggestion from Melissa (TA) that some of the approved funding from the ARPA funds be rescinded to pay for other town needs and anyone that is interested should try to make the next Select board meeting.

-Lighting: The town DPW put up some new temporary lighting for the parking lot of the MCC. This cost does not come out of our \$29,000 town approved lighting funds.

-Jim Hunt and the DPW: Mary is now the official contact person for the grounds at the MCC and the DPW.

-Bylaws: will postpone discussion until next month.

-Annual Report will need to be done soon.

-The door lock has been having some problems. Laurie has a key if the coding doesn't work. We will add this to next meeting's agenda.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:30am

Respectfully submitted by Wendy G. Jensen