Minutes: Thursday, March 9, 2023

 Monterey Community Center Committee

Present: Laurie Shaw, Mary Makuc, Wendy Germain, Mark Andrews, Roz Halberstadter, Kyle Pierce, JoAnn Bell, Dennis and Elaine Lynch

Meeting commenced at 10:06 AM

February meeting minutes approved.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 @10 AM at the MCC

Past Programs:

-Diabetes group. We’re not sure if it will continue.

-Painting with Margaret. It’s a gathering, not art lessons.

-the usual other programs: Meditation, MCC Jam with Mark Andrews, Bridge, Coffee Club, Ping Pong, Darn Yarners, Book Club

-Winterfest on February 19 was a huge success! Approximately 105 people attended. Crafts went well inside the building. Crepes were a big success (a special thanks to the Hurst children). The music provided by Andrew Shaw had us all bopping to the music. Some suggestions for next year:

 1. provide just beef hot dogs (75) and maybe some brats

 2. need only 4 pots of chili

 3. need s’mores ingredients not just marshmallows

 4. need sturdier hot dog rolls

 5. need drinks set up earlier and one person in charge as well as everyone on committee setting up earlier

 6. provide chairs for volunteers as well as some for attendees like a town square effect

 7. have fridge magnets, pencils that advertise MCC as favors

 8. change date next year to not interfere with holiday

 9. identify electrical outlets so we have adequate power

-Transformative breath work was held the last Friday in February. Mary will follow up with Antonia.

New/Upcoming Programs:

-Three Summer Concerts in planning stage. Wendy J. contacted both Eric Martin and Peter Poirier. Eric said yes and we’re waiting for a date. Suggestion made to see if Berkshire South Chorus would consider doing a concert. Another suggestion was for a ukulele performance. Would we need help with parking?

-April 1, 11AM to noon Spring Renewal with our community mindfulness facilitator Sandrine Harris. Limit of 12. Participants will pay $10. Mary handles the registration; Sandrine will do the PR.

-April 16 Angela Highsmith will lead a program on herbal remedy $30/person.

-Calligraphy with Michelle Arnot. She charges $25/hour. She will bring materials. Sunday, April 30 and Sunday, May 7 1-2:30 PM.

-Yoga Nidra by donation.

By-Laws 2019:

We read over the By Laws from 2019. We discussed item 1(g) Liaison attendees. We may want to add that we also have a pollinators representative on the MCC Committee.

We also discussed length of appointment of members. Suggestion: have Justin or Susan come and discuss this with the committee.

A reminder to take Conflict of Interest course.

We will review these By-Laws again next time.

Mary will research whether we should be voted in. What are the benefits?

Pavilion Update:

We voted and passed on the 30x20’ tent from Mahaiwe for June, July, and August. Our septic is OK. We need a plumbing variance or a toilet, a 5 year plan, ADA walkway and package plan. We will probably not get on warrant for the annual town meeting this year. Mark Andrews will contact a professional engineer or architect.

We voted to move Connie Wilson’s Chair Yoga off Parks and Rec and add her compensation to our budget.

We will discuss equity for performers and artists at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Lynch

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