

Minutes: Thursday, January 12, 2023
Monterey Community Center Committee

Present: Laurie Shaw, Chairperson, Wendy Jensen, Wendy Germain, Mary Makuc, Mark Andrews, Roz Halberstadter. Attended via Zoom: Dennis and Elaine Lynch, Kyle Pierce

Meeting commenced at 10:20am

-December meeting minutes approved.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, February 9, 2023 @ 10am at the MCC**, Mary will chair as Laurie will be away.

MCC Pavilion Project:

-The MCC was allocated nearly \$80,000 for a pavilion project from ARPA funds. It was brought to the committee's attention that there needs to be an engineer's plan to go forward. Bid requests went out and there was one bid for the engineering proposal for \$35,000 from Foresight Land Services. Mark Andrews, a retired architect, educated the committee about the process this project will need to go through with site work, foundation design and the pavilion building itself. There was much discussion if this bid of \$35,000 could be scaled back since this proposal seemed so high.

The committee decided to go to the Selectboard and recommend that they, with the Town Administrator and the MCC Committee, negotiate the scope and cost of this bid. Mark Andrews offered to speak on behalf of the committee to the Selectboard.

New Member:

Mark Andrews would like to join the committee. There was a unanimous vote to accept him to the committee.

Budget:

There was a meeting with Mary Makuc, Susan Cooper, Laurie Shaw, Michele Miller (finance committee) and Melissa Noe about the MCC's budget. Although not part of our budget, Laurie Shaw requested \$20/hour for Mary Makuc, Director of Programs. Due to the slow process of the pavilion project, we will need a tent (20x30') for June, July and August which added extra expense to the budget. There were discussions at that meeting to remove the MCC budget monies from the Bally Gally income which is capped at \$11,349/year. There was discussion about trying to cut back on the mowing expense and whether we could not mow the lower field to save on that expense as well as letting local pollinating plants grow through the season. There was some concern about not being able to use the lower lot for parking. It was suggested that the lower field could be mowed once or twice a year instead of every week. Otherwise the budget looks good.

MA Cultural Council Festival Grant:

Dennis looked into this grant and spoke with Heather from the Bidwell House about the possibility of a Native American program. Bidwell is already planning on having a program so we won't need to.

Winterfest: February 19, 2023:

A few of the committee members will not be able to attend but Mary is willing to go ahead with the event. There was discussion of what needs to be done for the event and the need for volunteers for the day of. The budget for this event is approximately \$400 with \$150 for music, \$150 for food and \$100 for craft/activities. A number of members will be making chili, corn muffins, and cookies for the event. Others will be shopping for supplies. Mary will be in charge. If we need an extra meeting we will meet on Jan. 26th @ 1pm.

Door Lock:

The broken door lock was replaced and is in good working order now.

Lighting: No progress...will discuss next month.

By-Laws: Hold off until next time...again.

Upcoming Programs:

- Beth Hoffman will have her “Drop In Art” program on the 19th & 26th at 10am
- Don Barkin’s poetry program is moving to the library.
- No date yet for Reiki workshop
- Antonia Troiano will be offering a workshop on Breathwork, more information to follow
- The Art of Japanese Calligraphy with Michelle Arnot will be in May. Her fee is \$25/hour.
- No Zumba at this time
- The Fantastic Fungi documentary will be offered and sponsored by the COA. They are having monthly movies/documentaries on Wednesday afternoon at 2pm at the MCC.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Wendy G. Jensen