

Minutes: Thursday, June 10, 2021
Monterey Community Center Committee

Meeting commenced: 10:16am under the tent at the Community Center

Present: Laurie Shaw, Mary Makuc, Wendy Jensen, JoAnn Bell, Dennis and Elaine Lynch, Roz Halberstader. Wendy Germain.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, July 8th, 2021 at the Community Center**

- Minutes were approved for the May 13, 2021 meeting.
- Laura Rodriguez will not be joining the group at this time, she has too many other commitments right now.

Funding of Programs:

- The FWMH will have another \$1000 to use for programs by Dec. 31, 2021.
- MCC Revolving Fund Annually is \$11,349.00, the remainder from this past fiscal year is \$4406.07 which will rollover to the next fiscal year. There was discussion of how and if this affects our budget.

Review of Past Programs

- Balance review continues via phone only
- Ping Pong report from Dennis Lynch: 6 people attending on and off. They would like to maybe add another evening of play or wondering about open play, no set schedule. There was discussion about the purchase of an outdoor table in conjunction with Parks and Rec. Committee. Dennis is wondering about leveling an area at the CC to set up a designated area for play. The area of the old driveway was suggested. Dennis will talk with Shawn.
- Tai Chi has started and had 9 participants.
- The greeting cards workshop had 15 participants and was a success.
- Chair Yoga had 5 people in person and will be stopping the Zoom sessions in July.
- Elder Law workshop has been pushed off for a month, there were 3 people interested.
- The health nurse is coming on the 2nd Thursday of every month for drop ins at 2pm : blood pressure, weight, etc. Linda Slattery is the nurse. There was discussion that the nurse should stay the entire hour even if no one shows. Kyle will be contacting the nurse.
- June 1, Bridge and cards resumed. There were 12 people in attendance.

Upcoming Programs

- Pops Peterson's performance has been moved to July 11 and hoping to be in the library. Pre-registration is required.
- Jill Esterson is giving her talk on bone strength on June 12 and has 19 people registered so far.
- A zoom genealogy program by Bryna O'Sullivan from CT is going to happen. Laurie contacted her and she agreed to offer 3 sessions for \$400. She will offer them on three consecutive Tuesday evenings in July from 7-8pm. Laurie will send the information to Mary.
- Every Monday afternoon from 4-5pm Maggie Barkin will be talking (under the tent) about art events that are happening in the area. There may be a play reading at the end of the summer. There was 8 people for the first meeting.
- Bridge will continue on Tuesday afternoons.
- Alanon is now meeting under the tent at 9am on Sundays.

- The Library has programs every Saturday throughout the summer for children at 10:30am. It was discussed to see if those programs could be at the CC, particularly if the weather is inclement. There was agreement that the CC grounds would be a safe place for children's programs.
- Mahjong might resume. JoAnn will contact Maureen Banner to see if the old group would like to resume. Mary suggested that Sandy Balyan (from Otis) may be able to teach lessons if there is interest.
- Kevin West is unable to offer any programs at this time.
- Liz Mashmeyer is also holding off on programs at this time.
- Roz will contact John Wheeler about another mushroom workshop. There was discussion about growing mushrooms and a workshop to get started.
- Jilly Lederman is still interested in another workshop but is too busy right now.
- There was much discussion about offering an exercise class and the endless types of classes. Nancy Kleban would like to have one in the mornings. JoAnn will contact Nancy about possibly meeting with her. Should we find an instructor, and if so, what type?
- Beach Yoga at Lake Garfield is ready to go with Denise Crocco leading. She needs \$30 per class to instruct. The yoga will be on Wednesdays at 8am starting in July. If it's raining they will meet under the CC tent. The total cost of the program will be \$240. There was a discussion about how this should be paid for with participants paying "what they can" as one option. There was a motion to pay for the first month \$120 that passed unanimously. Laura R. cannot join the group at this time.
- Mary contacted Sandrine Harris about a mediation group but has not heard back. Elaine spoke with Connie about this possibility but Connie didn't know of her.
- Tim VanEgmond has already been paid for a concert by the Cultural Council so Wendy G will contact him about coming to the CC for a performance.
- There was some discussion about a summer concert. Wendy J. wondered about what evening/afternoon might be a good time. Friday evening or Sunday afternoon might work in August.
- Dennis reported about offerings from OLLI and some of their offerings were free. Could we stream the free ones here at the MCC? There was interest in trying one on July 17th @ 7pm to see how it works. Members of the committee were invited to hear a book discussion, Mercury Rising by Jeff Shesol.
- Dennis also reported that Frank McGruer, a high end furniture restorer would be willing to come and talk about what he does. He is from Lenoxdale. Dennis also spoke with Tom Ryan about presenting a program on a Community Forest Stewardship Plan. He would be happy to do this for no charge.
- Another idea was to have Dr. Barry Rose speak about his book, Compassionate Medicine . He is a retired orthopedic surgeon.

Other Business

- Wendy J. talked about the CC road sign being hidden by vegetative growth. She will look at this closer. We tabled any more sign discussion for the time being.
- Reopening: the Community Center is open, if you are not vaxxed please be respectful and mask and distance. We still have contact tracing.
- Community Garden: Bonner is doing a great job managing the garden. Many thanks to Libby Wolf and Wendy Jensen for planting the flower box by the entrance.
- Picnic Table: Wendy J needed some more information about what kind of table the committee wanted, metal, plastic, wood and the cost. It was suggested that around \$500 could be spent and wood might be a preference.
- Lighting: there will be a meeting with Melissa, Mary, Rob, Laurie, Janet Jensen and Michele Miller about the lighting project on June 25th at 10am. All are encouraged to come.
- Mary sent out an email to see if anyone wanted to be on a subcommittee to discuss diversity for the CC. Roz, JoAnn, and Laurie responded. There is an event coming for Juneteenth in Tyringham.
- Cleaning of CC: someone is doing it for free at this time, we should send a thank you for her help.

-We should try to keep these meetings shorter in the future.

-Meeting adjourned: 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Jensen