Minutes: Thursday, June 9, 2022

Monterey Community Center Committee

Meeting commenced: 10 AM

Present: Laurie Shaw, Chairperson, Mary Makuc, Director, Wendy Germain, Roz Halberstader, Kyle Pierce, Wendy Jensen, JoAnn Bell, Elaine and Dennis Lynch

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 14, 2022

-Minutes were approved for the April 28 meeting.

Laurie asked if we are all staying for the next fiscal year. Everyone present replied in the affirmative. Mary isn’t on the Committee because she is a town employee.

Ongoing Programs:

-AlAnon (5-8 people) meets Sundays at 9 AM.

-Monterey Renewable Energy Group (5 members) meets once a month.

-Chorus has moved to the Pavilion because Oren feels the acoustics are better there.

-Gentle Yoga had 5 people on May 5. James does not want more than 8 people as they will stay inside since the floor under the tent isn’t even.

-Dignity Talk had 15 people on May 6.This was a follow up discussion of the talk given in April.

-Bridge met outside May 7.

-Mahjong had Wednesday afternoon lesson. Barbara Cohen is giving lessons: two tables, one learning, one playing.

-Chair Yoga with Connie Wilson is back under the tent.

-Tai Chi: needs to advertise more. COA willing to subsidize Tai Chi (need $300/month) maybe COA could do $50.00/month toward that amount.

-Planning Board and Bylaw Review met here, too.

(A thank you was given to everyone for their participation in the Memorial Day Parade. The May pole, costumes and sandwich boards all turned out great. Wendy G. taped it and it will be part of the July library exhibit of the last 25 years including the Steak Roast, Octoberfest, etc. on a loop)

-Coffee Club starting to meet on Saturdays at MCC.

-Ping Pong meets Saturdays at 2:30 PM

Upcoming Programs:

-Yoga Nidra with Nancy Monk on Thursday nights 6 PM.

-En Plein Air Painting with Ann Getsinger. We pay $75.00. $10 per student each time. 12:30 PM June 16, 23, and 30.

-Bird Watching with Joe Baker, Rob and Cindy Hoogs 9 AM.

-Support Group for Diabetes with Roberta Epstein and Bob Carlson on June 22 at 1 PM.

-Reiki Certification Training with Nancy Monk, 10 AM to 4 PM

-Native Plants Working Group: June 11 at 11 AM wants to include children.

* Cultural Council Grants: Coffee House: we’ve heard nothing back from Eric Martin yet. Mushroom walk: JoAnn said after August 27th. JoAnn has paperwork and will get the monies for these two grants through the Cultural Council.
* Catherine might do a craft?
* Ideas for August: Mary will contact Kevin West about his new cookbook; making cards; preserving the harvest, maybe include music; Kyle will contact Peter Poirier; a time capsule; Native Plant tag sale in July (Myrna and Janet will remove Joe’s painting for safe keeping); short story writing with Galina Vromen.
* North Adams to collect bikes for the Congo. Connie and Kit will help on a Saturday in August.

Lighting: No one applied to RFP. Rob, Melissa, Jim and Mary will meet end of June to discuss talking to local electricians for a design. This has gone on so long. $10,000 for the design. Scope: handicapped and upper lot only. Do we need a point person?

Pavilion: Mary, Laurie and Wendy went to Selectboard and gave pitch to get money from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act). Our committee voted to gather names and addresses on a letter of support from Monterey residents for this project to be given to the Selectboard.

Other business:

-a big thank you to Wendy J. and Libby for the gorgeous planters outside door entrance

-event sign is very effective

-employee 3.8% increase for MCC $16.76

-discussion of Mary’s title: coordinator, manager or director. We unanimously voted for “director”. Laurie will write to SB to change Mary’s title to MCC Director

-more vaccinations June 29 Wednesday 1:30-3 at Pavilion. Not J&J.

-We now have vinyl banner for use in future parades, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Lynch