

Minutes: Thursday, April 8, 2021

Monterey Community Center Committee

Due to Covid-19, the Monterey Community Center is closed. This meeting was held via Zoom.

Meeting commenced: 10:05 am

Present: Laurie Shaw, Kyle Pierce, Mary Makuc, Wendy Jensen, Wendy Germain, JoAnn Bell

Visiting (and hopefully joining us for the future): Laura Rodriguez.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 10am by Zoom or if nice weather, possibly outside at the CC**

-Minutes were approved for March 11, 2021 meeting.

Review of Past Programs

-The Aston Magna Bach program was a success. 11 attended via Zoom and 7-8 stayed for the discussion afterwards. Feedback was that the discussion afterwards was a draw for participants.

-Ping Pong: Ping pong had 1 or 2 matches last month.

-Balance Review continues via phone with about 5 people

-Chair Yoga: As of May 2 yoga will be Zoomed as well as meeting in person outside the CC. They are looking for a volunteer to help with the Zoom portion.

Upcoming Programs

-April 8 (today): The VNA will see people at the CC from 2-3pm. Paid for by the Board of Health

-May 4: Bridghe McCracken of Helia Native Plants, will be offering a Zoom program on native plants from 6:30-8pm. Janet Jensen is taking registrations. This program is sponsored by the Cultural Council and they would like help getting the word out.

-May 26: Elder Law seminar via Zoom sponsored by the COA. Kyle will check on this.

-June 2: Tai Chi with David Crowe will begin under the tent Wednesdays at 10am. Kyle will check with him. The funding for this has not yet been worked out. Should we charge participants \$5 per visit or take funds from the FWMH? It was suggested that we use those funds. It was recalled that people did pay towards the end of the program season. How many people could attend was discussed and Mary will check with the health agent.

-June 6: Vicki will offer her Greeting Cards workshop under the tent.

-June 13 or 27: Pops Peterson will offer his program "Making of a Protest Artist". This will be paid for from both the FMWH funds and some from the Cultural Council.

-June: Jill Esterson will offer a program on exercise and bone health. TBD

-July: Jewelry making with Jilly Lederman. TBD

-Robin O'Herin will be offering a song writing workshop sponsored by the Cultural Council. TBD

-AlAnon meetings: Mary is still checking with them.

-Kevin West may do a program this summer. Wendy G. will check with him.

New Program Ideas:

-Laura Rodriguez suggested a yoga class on Lake Garfield Beach this summer in the early evening, shortly after work maybe? She will run the idea by a few people to see if there is interest. She likes the idea of it being a yoga class that participants could just come and stop by. Should there be a suggested donation? Would this be a program to be offered by the Parks and Rec.?

-Wendy Jensen brought up the possibility of an outdoor concert to use the Cultural Council funds we were awarded last year for our coffee houses that didn't happen. Eric Martin is willing to do something but we need to figure out how we could do this. Wendy will check with Joe Baker, Peter Poirier and Eric Martin to see if it is possible to have the musicians under a tent in the field and the concert goes seated on Pumpkin Roll Hill, spaced apart to comply with COVID.

-Laurie had an idea for a Zoom presentation on genealogy. She saw a program from the Salisbury Library that was great. Bryanna O'Sullivan was the presenter and Laurie will contact her.

Other Business:

-There was discussion about the cost of the tent for the summer and Wendy G. said the Cultural Council has \$297.50 earmarked towards it. It was decided to have the tent put up in time for Memorial Day Weekend.

-Lighting: Thanks to Mary and Laurie we will have an article on the warrant (that is approved by the Selectboard) for \$29,000 to pay for the lighting at the CC. The money will come from the town's Free Cash. Congratulations to Laurie for her great letter in the Monterey News describing the project and the need for it. Many thanks to Rob Hoogs for donating his expertise towards this project.

-Mary has cancelled the rug cleaning service and purchased two of the rugs for \$196 in an effort to save some money. She is still working towards getting someone new to clean the CC but has a couple of leads.

-Reopening the CC: From the health agent, we don't need to take temperatures any more and windows can now be open. We can have up to 10 people inside. There was discussion about Bridge playing returning in person. Kyle will check with the bridge players and Mary will check with the health agent.

-Apiary: Theresa Johnson has taken the beehive and equipment. We are looking for someone else to continue with the beekeeping at the CC. The charger that was taken belongs to Joe Baker. Laura R. will contact a friend at Mill River Farm that has bees.

Meeting adjourned: 11:35 am

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Jensen and Elaine Lynch