

Minutes: Thursday, July 9, 2020

Monterey Community Center Committee

Due to Covid-19, the Monterey Community Center is closed. This meeting was held by conference call.

Meeting commenced: 10:05am

Present: Laurie Shaw, Kyle Pierce, Mary Makuc, Wendy Jensen, Elaine Lynch, Dennis Lynch, Roz Halberstadter, JoAnn Bell

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 10am under the Community Center Tent**

-Minutes were approved for June 11th, 2020 meeting. Wendy Jensen will send to Melissa at Town Hall to be posted.

-A large tent has been rented and erected for use at the Community Center. Melissa Noe arranged for the tent after a meeting with Laurie, Mary Makuc and Kenn Bassler. We believe it is a 20'x30'tent from Mahaiwe Tent. The cost is estimated at \$1500/month for 3 months. The town is paying for it.

-A report from the health agent, James Wilusz that there are still no bathrooms available at the CC. Low risk, outdoor sports are permitted, such as yoga. Pickle ball was suggested as there is a group that is starting up at the library. It is a modified form of tennis. JoAnn will talk to Parks & Rec. Com.

Review of Current Programs

-Kyle reports that David and Kathy Crowe are willing to teach an intro to Tai Chi for 3 sessions for \$15/person or \$50/hour. The COA is willing to sponsor it so there will be no charge to participants. Kyle will put together a poster. There is a limit of 10 people and folks must preregister. July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12. Folks must register with Mary.

-Chair Yoga is being well attended outside or on zoom, bring your own chair. 6-8 people attending.

-AlAnon: now meeting at CC under tent or by zoom

-Balance Review is continuing on Fridays by phone for those who have attended previously. 6-7 folks attending

-Ping Pong (via Dennis Lynch): 4 people did meet at Hy and Myrna Rosen's for some outdoor play. We can now move our table out under the tent and will start meeting there on July 11. Dennis will email players. Players must follow outdoor recreation guidelines and there is a limit to 6 people. Bring your own chairs and paddle as well as hand sanitizer.

Upcoming Programs

-Mary Makuc is talking with Jilly Lederman about an outside jewelry making workshop for adults on Aug. 6th. There will be a fee for supplies. She will set up card tables for each person and disinfect tools.

-John Root is happy to do his program on pollinators via Zoom. He said to pick a date in August. Mary will work out the date. Program will be in the evening, perhaps 7pm. This program has been sponsored by the Cultural Council.

-Kit Patten will start his Drumming on July 21 at 4:30pm. They will also meet on August 4th at the same time.

-Kyle reports that Peter Poirier is willing to have a concert on the lawn.

-There was a suggestion of a cycling tour since there seems to be some interest in biking in town.

Other Business:

-Parking Lot Lighting: Dan Andrus was the last person trying things with the lights to make them more appropriate by adding shields. Mary has spoken again to lighting specialist, Nancy Tamosovich for more information.

-Tree Removal will be happening by National Grid along the New Marlboro Road property line of the CC.

-We tabled discussion of landscaping at the CC for now.

-Mary discussed how the CC budget will be formulated for the CC for FY21 and the proposed budget process. She would like some feedback from the committee on this as it seems to be a cumbersome process.

-There was a complaint at the Community Garden that some folks weren't social distancing and/or wearing face masks.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45 am

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Jensen