

Monterey Community Center Minutes  
Thursday, April 13, 2023

Present: Laurie Shaw, Mary Makuc, Roz Halberstadter, Wendy Germain, Mark Andrews, Elaine and Dennis Lynch, guest: Maggie Barkin.

Meeting began 10:03 AM

Minutes from March 9, 2023 were approved.

On-going and New Programs:

- Yoga Nidra: good turn out of 7 or 8
- Breath Work: 4 people, Antonia and Roger Vanoro are handling everything
- new art group: 2 people
- Spring Renewal: only 4 but said it was great; needed only \$60 instead of \$100; got \$10/person
- movie about eagle huntress: 11 attendees
- chorus, wellness check, planning board, coffee club, ping pong, darn yarners, music jam, Tai Chi, renewable energy group, chair yoga, bridge, mahjong, super gentle yoga, diabetes group continue to meet
- Japanese Calligraphy April 30 and May 7 with Michelle Arnot \$10 fee
- Wendy J. is getting the cookbook club going again
- Empowered Herbalism with Angela Highsmith April 16 \$20 fee
- Beth Hoffman has idea for art and cookies
- OLLI: Dennis Lynch will look into the course mentioned by Stacy Wallach about a historical perspective on war
- April 17 COA noon luncheon at MCC
- kids' crafts with Jilly Lederman, nothing set up yet

Guest Maggie Barkin's comments:

- Since we have money for three concerts from Monterey Cultural Council ,we could hire someone like Peter P. to be a producer for the concerts. Cara Hunt and sister Connor might have ideas about musicians. Maggie also suggested Broadway tunes and standards; Wendy G. suggested a dance party idea. Committee decided to postpone this discussion until our next meeting.

By-Laws:

1. Quorum:originally was 4 out of 7, but we have 10 members now, so our quorum will change to be half of current members plus one. It was suggested to add a COA liaison to the list.
2. Length of appointment: every year we're reappointed. Should we be elected or appointed. Committee decided to remain appointed. If we stagger appointments, we have better continuity. Former group had two year appointment. Should new members have one year? Will check with lawyer. We voted to leave it at two years staggered.

3. The Responsibilities Section is completely new; we added this section. The committee voted to accept the by-laws as revised. Laurie will send by-laws to Committee members and Wendy J. will send them on to Nancy K.

#### Landscaping:

1. Native Plant Working Group wants to put attractive native plants on either side of doorway. A concern was raised about attracting bees; could they research which plants don't attract bees. The NPWG will maintain it. Motion passed to develop two pollinator beds on either side of door.
2. Mowing: Native Plant Working Group wants us to do less mowing of field down below. Discussion ensued about letting it go completely, or have paths down middle and around the perimeter. Discussion about a solar power opportunity at MCC. Should we have a subcommittee on solar. Wendy G. volunteered. SB said we need long range plan. Suggestions made about putting solar on top of pavilion to free up land, and investigating robotic lawn mower.  
We agreed: to partially mow at lower part of field and all around the building; to have a subcommittee on solar; and to develop a site plan.
3. Good news: "Smitty" Pignatelli helped us with the last variance and will do so with new one. Steve McAlister will also help pro bono; We need a plan for toilet and parking. We're not changing parking right now. We have until end of 2026 to spend the ARPA pavilion money unless it gets extended. We voted to have a port-a-potty for June, July and August. That issue was passed.

Long range planning committee volunteers: Laurie, Marc, Dennis Wendy J. and Mary.

Lighting: Jim Hunt is going to check on lights that were on all night. Jim and Melissa are waiting on National Grid. Frank Abbott is interested in getting the lighting resolved.

Mary will order a new sign; old one got wrecked by snow plow.

#### Memorial Day Parade:

Discussion about representing what MCC does: we still have last year's signs and banners. Justin is our liaison with the SB. We will participate on that solemn day of remembrance.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM

Next meeting: May 11 @ 10 AM

Submitted by  
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