

Minutes: Thursday, August 31, 2023
Monterey Community Center Committee

Present: Laurie Shaw, Mary Makuc, Wendy Jensen, Wendy Germain, Mark Andrews, Dennis Lynch, Elaine Lynch, JoAnn Bell, Catherine Hurst and Kyle Pierce (via phone)

Meeting commenced at 10:10 am

August 10, 2023 Minutes approved.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, September 28, 2023 @ 10am at the MCC**

Pavilion:

Mary reported that she attended a Planning Board meeting and learned that there is no category that the pavilion will fit into concerning the number of parking spaces needed. The Occupancy # is what is being worked with. 49 in the CC and est. 140 for the pavilion. Mary and Mark are going to the next meeting to discuss with them. Mary, Mark, Laurie, Melissa, Jim and Frank met on August 14th and the thought was to roll the pavilion project into one large project where we need to come up with a total cost and ask for this amount on the Town Warrant for the Special Town Meeting this fall. An estimate of \$300,000 was mentioned minus the ARPA monies (\$83, 254.69) and possibly the already approved lighting money of \$29,000. That would leave \$187, 745.31 to ask for on the warrant. If we hope to do this we need to move quickly to get the estimate numbers. Mary will call Jim Hunt to get some quotes.

Lighting:

The lights put up by National Grid don't seem too harsh, although discussion suggested that one of the lights is harsh and maybe a new fixture would fix the problem. With the 2 National Grid lights, the 2 pole lights and the lights on the house, the lighting seems okay for the time being. The framework for the lights along the walkway need to be removed before the snow comes.

Upcoming Programs:

- Mushroom Walk with John Wheeler is coming up. It was brought up that all of the Cultural Council sponsored events need to save proof of the program, ie, the posters that are branded with the MACultural Council logo to be sent back to the Local Cultural Council.
- Molly Goodchild will be offering a knitting/crochet class for beginners sometime in Oct. Mary will coordinate with her.
- Railroad Street Youth Project (Alejandra Nozyce) wants to have health and wellness checks at the CC 1-3 times. There is a small # of kids that will be helping and Laura Rodriguez is in charge.
- Matter of Balance is being sponsored by the COA. Beth Hoffman is teaching the 6 week session, two times per week.
- Flu Clinic Sept. 18
- Hanna Jensen may offer a pie crust demo at the end of October
- Next Supper Club will be Sept. 11. Wendy Germain is helping Hanna out by setting up with other attendees from the meditation group

- Mary thinks it would be a good idea for the police to stop by when the Marshal Messer concert is happening. JoAnn will contact the police.
- The Cultural Council grant cycle will be starting soon and the deadline for applications is October 15.
- Suggestion for a concert with Bernice Lewis next summer. Natalie Manzino is looking into this.
- Chestnut Program Thanksgiving weekend will be coordinated by Janet Jensen with roasting at Kevin West's house
- Monterey Lights the Holidays would like to form a committee to help out.

Past and Ongoing Programs:

- Dreamcatcher workshop by Hanna Jensen had 10 in attendance
- The August Supper Club had 49 in attendance
- Peter Poirier's concert had 56 people
- The Spanish Speaking group is having from 7-11 attendees
- The Cookbook Club had 8 people
- The MCC Jam group had 19 people

Other Business:

- Donation Box: At the previous meeting it was suggested that a permanent donation box be hung inside to remind people to donate. Dennis Lynch brought his research back to the group. We initially thought a metal box would be what we needed and Dennis had 3 examples for us to look over with keyed or a combination lock. Mark Andrews found a couple of wooden donation boxes online and shared them with the group. The group voted to purchase a wooden lockbox in keeping with the interior of the CC.
- It was suggested that there needs to be committees set up for the setup and cleanup of events so there isn't a last minute concern as to who is taking care of it and it doesn't always fall on the same people. A rotating list of people would be best.
- Director hiring: Volunteers Dennis, Kyle, Roz, Laurie and Mary looked over the job description and made some revisions. Laurie then met with Melissa and Sophia (Human Resources) to discuss the standard hiring process. The job posting has been put out on the Google group, Indeed and the Shopper's Guide. The committee would like to see the hiring happen as soon as possible. The first interviews will be Sept. 19th and/or 22nd. Interviews will be done by Melissa, Sophia and Laurie. Second interviews will include the volunteer subcommittee from the MCCC.
- The posters from the Marshal Messer concert are needed for the Cultural Council as they were not on our first posters.
- Discussion was had about mowing the lower field in October. Laurie will check with Mary.
- The listening device in the CC is now working.
- We will rent the tent for the month of September. There was some discrepancy about the price and Dennis offered to give the tent company a call to check on the price.
- Discussion for the acceptance of Edith's painting from Marjorie's cousin.

Meeting adjourned: 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Wendy G. Jensen