

Minutes: Thursday, February 18, 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, Mary Makuc, Wendy Jensen, Elaine Lynch, Dennis Lynch, Roz Halberstadter.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 10am via Zoom**

-Minutes were approved for the January 14, 2021 meeting.

-For clarity, members of the committee that have officially resigned, Sue Cain, Doug McTavish, Dorene Beller and Christine Goldfinger.

Review of Past Programs

-Joe Baker has used the CC for his private online art classes.

-Connie Wilson is using the CC for filming her yoga classes 2 days a week and also meeting in person at the library.

-Balance Review continues via phone.

-Ping Pong hasn't met for a few weeks but intend to start up again in a few weeks. Dennis said players said there were concerns about the ventilation (keeping windows open) when it was so cold out.

Upcoming Programs

-Karen Shreefter moved her program to Saturday, February 27 at 11 am on Flower Garden Design.

-Mary is working on the Aston Magna music night for March 19th. She is working on trying to have a discussion afterwards.

-There is nothing planned for April.

-Pops Peterson will have a program under the tent in June.

-Jilly Lederman would like to have another jewelry making program in June or July.

-Vickie McDonald would like to have a program to make all occasion greeting cards. This program will happen in person for \$10 and participants can make 4 cards. It is open to ages 10 and up. Program can happen on a Sunday, June 6 or June 27.

-It is hopeful that maybe some Monterey families might like to use the tent for small events this summer.

-Other ideas for future programs includes: Remind folks that sledding is available on the MCC property (Laurie will post this on the Community Google Group). Laurie discussed a Zack Adams Audubon program that was hosted in West Stockbridge and maybe we could do something similar with someone local. Tracking was suggested with Joe Baker and/or Bonner McAllester (Elaine & Dennis will contact them). Dennis suggested a history program possibly through the Pittsfield Museum.

Other Business:

-There was discussion about the tent that we will be renting for 12 weeks starting in June. How should the CC charge any groups that want to use the tent and how/if we should do some advertising.

-The discussion about purchasing an outdoor ping pong table is still ongoing. This will most likely happen through Parks and Rec Committee. Dennis will check on this.

-Budget and Lights: Mary and Laurie have had a number of meetings and conversations with the Finance Committee, Melissa, Rob Hoogs and Shawn about the MCC budget as well as the possible updating of the

lights in the parking lot and walkway at the CC. There have been onsite meetings to look at possible solutions. Rob Hoogs (formerly of Foresight Land Services Engineering) has donated his time to give advice and draw up possible scenarios for the lighting. His help has been extremely helpful. There needs to be an agreement with all groups about the goals of the lighting. There is a meeting via Zoom tomorrow morning at 9am with Melissa, Shawn, Michele Miller (Finance Co.) and Rob Hoogs. All are invited to attend.

-There was also some discussion of the cleaning of the CC and the existing cleaner is very expensive. We would like to find someone new to take on the job. There was also discussion about the rug cleaning service and whether we might be better off just purchasing some rugs and having the cleaning person take care of them. The rug cleaning service cost is \$50/month. Wendy will check into the cost of purchasing two rugs for the mud room and just inside the door.

-Dennis suggested that repeating meetings can be set up ahead of time on Zoom and maybe we should do that for our meetings. Mary will do this.

-We might want to start looking for other MCC members. Mary would like us to think about folks that may have diverse backgrounds.

Meeting adjourned: 11:20 am

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Jensen