

Minutes: Thursday, December 12, 2019

Monterey Community Center Committee

Meeting commenced: 9:40am

Present: Laurie Shaw, Wendy Germain, Kyle Pierce, Mary Makuc, Wendy Jensen, Christine Goldfinger, Elaine Lynch,

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 9:30am**

-Minutes were approved for December 12, 2019 meeting. Wendy Jensen will send to Melissa at Town Hall to be posted.

-Review of Programs

-Wendy J reported that the first Cookbook Club was a delicious success. There were 12 participants and a fun lunch was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be January 10, 2020. Wendy J has started an email list for anyone who wants to be notified of the meetings.

-Joe Makuc had 8 participants for the No Stress Chess meeting in December, a good showing

-Darn Yarners had 6 people attending

-Mahjong had 8 people on Wed. from 3:30-5:30

-New Programs and Suggestions:

-Kyle needs a Wednesday at 1pm slot to have a folk singer performance

-Wendy J and Elaine reported that the Coffeehouse is in the works and hoping to get Peter Poirier for Friday, Feb. 28th for the first coffeehouse. Hoping that some of the funding for this will be from the Cultural Council Grant. We should hear soon from that. Also trying to line up the musicians for another coffeehouse on March 27th with Eric Martin and Karen Axelrod. Wendy J. is trying to contact them.

-Knitting Workshop: Elaine has contacted Molly Goodchild to try to have another set of knitting workshops. It was suggested that they meet at the same time as the Darn Yarners. Potential dates are: Feb. 6,13,20 and 27.

-Bidwell House will have another replay of their history talks on January 12 and will possibly do it again on Feb. 9th although they may be moving to the library.

-Sue Cain is considering having a program

-Laurie said that Steve Pullen said he is willing to another gardening panel. She is trying to get in touch with him to set a date.

-Discussion of showing of Pat Nourse's son's photographs.

There was discussion about "Passing the Hat" at some of these events to get funds to the Town.

Policies:

-Discussion of not having an adult and a child alone in the CC. Mary will contact the Town Counsel to get a recommendation, there is most likely already a policy in place.

-Discussion about whether we should have a policy concerning refunds from programs that the CC is running. A suggestion was made that we have no policy at this time on refunds. If we run into problems with refunds we will revisit this issue. It was suggested that if someone asks for a refund for a cancellation that they be asked if they would like to donate it to the MCC. CC rentals will decide on their own policies.

Miscellaneous: -Lighting: Joe Baker, Laurie and Mary met with Nancy Tomashobich about the problems with the parking area lights. Nancy is working on pricing (many places closed for the holidays). There are many solar options to be discussed.

-There was more discussion about making the MCC sign more visible. It was suggested that Joe B. had the idea about reflective tape along the edges. Mary will ask Shawn Tryon about the tape. If he doesn't have any, Wendy J and Christine G. will take on the project.

-Christine G. drew up a few images to help remind folks to take out their own trash. We are working on having a "Carry-In/Carry-Out" policy. Although the Town is picking it up also.

-Mary has two names of folks that may be interested in the PR position and using the Tax Abatement as compensation. The cleaning of the CC was discussed. The town is cleaning the CC twice a month but with the amount of use it was felt that it should be cleaned once a week.

-There will be a Volunteer Community Dinner at the Firehouse on January 22 at 5:30 for all Town volunteers.

Meeting adjourned: 11:00am

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Jensen