

Monterey Community Center

Minutes for July 13, 2023

Present: Mark Andrews, Mary Makuc, JoAnn Bell, Roz Halberstadter, Laurie Shaw, Wendy Germain, and Elaine Lynch. Visitor: Hanna Jensen

Meeting started: 10:12 AM

Minutes from June 8, 2023 accepted.

Next meeting: August 10, 2023 at MCC

Past Programs:

- Supper Club organized by Hanna Jensen went very well with 23 attendees. Next one is on August 14.
- Allan Dean music concert was excellent. 60 attendees. Allan did not charge us.
- Cookbook Club was delicious and had 8 participants.
- Angela Highsmith's Herbalist presentation was very good; 15 attendees. People would like it to be longer and supply more information. We would like to have her back again. We charged \$20, but going forward maybe charge \$15 and then people could purchase product separately. We will work out details another time.
- Vikki True volunteering to offer pro bono chorus every Tuesday at 11:30 AM. Put out basket for donations.
- Pitch is now on Bridge date which is Tuesdays at 1 PM
- All other programs continue: meditation, chair yoga, mahjong, tai chi, ping pong, exercise with Annie, matter of balance, MCC Jam, darn yarners, coffee club, COA documentary films, breath work, Al-Anon).

Upcoming Programs:

- Veronica Bone is all booked for this year. We paid \$250 last time. Mary will contact Veronica
- September 9 Mushroom Walk with John Wheeler. \$250 from Cultural Grant money. JoAnn will ask Maureen to make up poster.
- July 23 Eric Martin and Karen Axelrod Concert 2 PM. Dennis will help with chairs; Mark on sound equipment.
- Exercise with Annie. COA promotes it \$10/person.
- Declutterer July 28 Nancy Deutsch 4 PM free.
- Crossword Puzzle with Michelle Arnot possibly August 21.
- Matter of Balance with Kay Purcell and Linda Riiska starting their first series in Sandisfield. Monterey will be 12 weeks later.
- Bird Watching: not this year; maybe in the Spring.
- Book authors idea: library can do this.
- _Marshall Messer concert September 2, 5:30 PM Desperate Catskill Mountain Band. Committee discussed and decided to allot \$400.00 to Marshall Messer for September 2 concert.

Garden/land Issues: need to make at least part of the garden accessible; pavilion will be.

Guest: Hanna Jensen discussed ideas for working with kids on salad making and pie crusts in the fall. She will talk to Board of Health regarding regulations. Also discussed holding two craft sessions in August for kids: one on a Thursday and one on a Sunday. She has a friend who can help her. Hanna taught how to make friendship bracelets and dreamcatchers at Mason Library. Mary will talk to her about advertising.

Upstairs:

Maureen and Michael Banner cleaned the upstairs of MCC. Could our cleaners go up there once a month? Everyone needs to have more consideration for what gets put up there. Wendy Germain will write a thank you to the Banners and Joe Baker. We need more shelving, a file cabinet, and a desk/phone unit.

Donation:

Mike Storch has offered a folding table and four chairs available September 4. Mark will follow up.

Joe Baker is handling the offer of a portrait; perhaps an art exhibit at a later date.

Community Garden:

Will bring up idea of raised flower beds with Pollinator group. Think about planters beneath windows.

Lighting:

Jim Hunt said we will receive two lights put in by National Grid. He will show the plans when he gets them. Wendy G. will reach out to SB about our concerns as to where those poles will be located.

Pavilion:

We're waiting to see if we got plumbing variance. Mark will call his contact for pricing preliminary and Mary will contact hers.

Other items:

Nancy Kleban and Mary will develop maintenance checklist.

Picnic table—possible grant?

Steve Moore is fixing the damaged red pop up tent.

Reminder to attend the August 1 anti-discrimination training session

Meeting adjourned: 12:10 PM

Submitted by,
Elaine Lynch