

## **Minutes: Thursday, March 11, 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, Kyle Pierce, Mary Makuc, Wendy Jensen, Elaine Lynch, Dennis Lynch, Wendy Germain

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10am by Zoom**

-Minutes were approved for February 14, 2021 meeting.

#### **Review of Past Programs**

-Joe Baker is no longer using the CC for his virtual art classes

-Connie continues with Yoga

-Ping Pong is still meeting and using the UV system as well as windows open. Dennis will contact Jim (health agent) about any new protocols

-Balance Review continues

-Karen Shreefter's Perennial garden Zoom workshop was well received. It was recorded and Nancy K will try to put it on the CC website. # of participants?

#### **Upcoming Programs**

-Aston Magna Zoom program (rare Bach music) upcoming on March 19 @ 7pm via Zoom and Youtube. 12 folks have registered so far. Anyone interested should call the CC or email Mary to register. Mary hopes there will be commentary and possibly a discussion afterwards.

-June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm Vickie McDonald will hold an afternoon program making greeting cards. There will be a \$10/person charge.

-Pops Peterson will be having his "Making of a Protest Artist" program, date TBD

-Jill Esterson will be offering a program in June about exercise and bone health, date TBD

-Jilly Lederman offering a jewelry making program, date TBD

-David Crowe is willing to offer his Tai Chi class throughout the summer, once a week. He needs \$50/week. Wednesdays @ 10am and participants will be charged per class. COA may have some funds to put towards the program.

-Genealogical Society may offer a program helping folks search for family information. They will get back to Mary.

-Dennis and Elaine contacted Joe Baker and Bonner McAllester about a wildlife tracking program but due to Covid are not interested at this time. Would be in the future.

-Steve Pullen is not interested in a gardening panel

-Liz Mashmeyer still wants to have more gardening programs, maybe every couple of months. Mary will check with her.

-Wendy G. will contact Janet Jensen about the "Biodiversity Box" that is being planned for the Community Garden. More information is needed.

-Dennis will check with the Berkshire Athenaeum and OLLI to see if there are any programs that may be available for us to include.

-AlAnon is eager to return to outside tent. Mary will check with them.

-Discussion about how we could get other online/Zoom programs available to our residents.

-Discussion about the role of the Cultural Council in funding our programs. Wendy G. offered information to the group about the accepted grantees as possible CC programs. A list of grantees will hopefully be posted in the MNews . A few listed were: Stephanie Sloane (short play), Monterey Lights the Holidays, Coffeehouse, Biodiversity Box, Greenagers. The Cultural Council may have some money to help with the cost of the tent.

### **Other Business:**

-Discussion about the cost of the tent for the summer, June, July and August. Where will the money be coming from to pay for it, will there be any money from the state?

-Budget and Lighting: Mary and Laurie have been working with Rob Hoogs to come up with a feasible plan for SAFE lighting for the parking lot and walkway. There was a comparison of two plans, one costing \$10,000 and the other \$29,000. A comparison sheet was sent around to folks for review. Laurie would like the committee to vote to accept one or the other of the two plans. After discussion a motion for the \$29,000 option for SAFE lighting was made and unanimously accepted. Another motion was made to have the amount requested on a Citizen's Petition to be added to the Town Warrant for Town Meeting which was also unanimously accepted. There was also a motion to ask the Select Board to seek a legal opinion on the full meaning of the Bally Gally Revolving Fund. What does the BGRF say we can or can't do with the Funds. This passed unanimously.

-Reopening of the MCC: There was an update given by Mary on the reopening of MCC: She will talk with our health agent, Jim Wilusz, about how and when we can move forward following the Governor's guidelines. The more completed vaccinations equals more access. Meetings of ten or less seems reasonable.

-Discussion on diversity goals: Since we are down three members, suggestions are requested for people with diverse backgrounds in town to fill those slots. Call Mary with names.

-“Not in My County Program”: Dominick Stucker suggested getting a core group to make the program happen in Monterey and not just talk about it. We'll table this topic and continue it next month.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45 am

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Jensen and Elaine Lynch