

Minutes: Thursday, November 12, 2020

Monterey Community Center Committee

Due to Covid-19, the Monterey Community Center is closed. This meeting was held by conference call.

Meeting commenced: 10:05am

Present: Laurie Shaw, Kyle Pierce, Mary Makuc, Wendy Jensen, Elaine Lynch, Dennis Lynch, Roz Halberstadter, and JoAnn Bell

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 10am by Zoom**

- Minutes were approved for October 8, 2020 meeting.
- Please remove Sue Cain from the email lists for this group, she has moved.

Review of Past Programs

- Roz reported that the Mushroom Walk with Tom Ryan had 23 people and was very impressed with the program. Tom was very prepared and although he didn't ask for any money it was suggested that we give him a stipend. The Committee agreed on an \$100 honorarium.
- Connie Wilson moved yoga on Tuesdays at 10am to the Library for in person participation. There is a link for the class via Zoom on the MCC website.
- Balance Review is still happening via phone every Friday. There are about 5-7 people attending.
- AlAnon ended in mid October and are meeting via Zoom for the winter.

Upcoming Programs

- There will be a poetry reading with Stephanie Sloan on Tuesday, Nov. 17th via Zoom.
- There will be a Zoom talk Nov. 27th on Chestnut Trees and their History. Kevin West will be presenting.
- Liz Mashmeyer is interested in holding a workshop on dehydrating
- Karen Shreefter will do a gardening program in mid January. Forcing flowers indoors or planning a flower garden are possible topics.
- Dennis reported on "Monterey Lights the Holidays", the town effort to add some holiday lights to our downtown from the Firehouse to Sandisfield Road. The Cultural Council awarded the Lights committee \$500 for the purchase of lights and extension cords which will be available to homeowners on Main Street. There will be an inventory of the lights and they will be taken down in mid January and returned to the Lights committee. The lights will hopefully be up by Nov. 28. All are welcome to participate.
- There won't be any genealogy program from Karen Weiner as she is too busy right now.
- Looking for a possible cooking program via Zoom. JoAnn Bell will check. Possible cooks and/or authors: Alana Chernilla, Jeanne Lemlin, Susan Sellew (Rawson Brook)
- The Cookbook Club is considering meeting via Zoom. Wendy J will look into it.

Other Business:

- Dennis gave a Zoom update. The MCC is trying to have its own Zoom account. Dennis has communicated with Joe Baker and Evelyn to set up a PayPal account through the FWMH. There is more work that needs to be done to make this a smooth process.
- Reopening the Community Center: There was a meeting with the Health Agent about reopening. The Select Board is o.k. with reopening for residents only. Laurie and Wendy G. measured the CC space to figure out how

many people could be inside the CC with the current guidelines. There can be 4 people inside with an activity like Ping Pong or up to 9 people for meetings.

Mary has written an extensive check list for those using the building. All the cleaning will be done by those using it. Mary is getting thermometers through the town but won't have them for a week. Everyone must take temperature before entry.

-Laurie reported that Stephen Moore will repair the outdoor flower planter.

-Lighting: no results at this time.

-Joe Baker's painting has been hung in the CC. Wendy J and Stephen Moore will look into writing something up about Joe's involvement with the CC construction.

-JoAnn B suggested a Winter Festival. Do we have the weather for it? Could we have a bonfire? Or Roz suggested a Winter sculpture Festival or a Pop up Sculpture Day. We will consider these for January.

-Mary wants to talk about Programs by Phone but we will table until next month.

-Please check the Town website. Melissa Noe wants to know if everything is there that we need. Get any suggestions to Laurie and Mary.

Meeting adjourned: 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Jensen