

Minutes: Thursday, October 8, 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, JoAnn Bell and Christine Goldfinger

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 10am by phone**

-Minutes were approved for September 10, 2020 meeting. Elaine will forward to Wendy Jensen and she will send to Melissa at Town Hall to be posted.

Funding: The Friends of the WM House will a lot \$1000.00 for programs for the CC for the upcoming year. They are also hoping to put some funds toward lighting for the parking area. Joe B has been paid for his painting and he will hang it in the CC soon.

Review of Current Programs

- Mary thanked Christine Goldfinger for her article about the gardeners and the garden plots. This was the first year all of the plots were taken and there was also a waiting list.
- Yoga continues as a hybrid, online and under tent 3-4 folks under the tent and 3-6 online.
- The drumming class with Kit Patten wasn't able to happen.
- Tai Chi: Laurie said the last class on Sept. 30 had 4 people. Instructor David will try to get a Mass. Cultural Council Grant. Laurie will contact him in the spring to possibly continue the classes for most of the summer.
- Balance Review continues by phone only on Fridays. There are usually about 5-7 people.
- AlAnon: No #s available. There was some discussion about letting them Zoom from inside the CC.
- Elisabeth Mashmeyer held her workshop on preserving for about an hour and 45 minutes. There were about 10 people in attendance. It was a fun workshop and we may want to offer it again in January via Zoom.
- Tea with the First Lady had 11 people in attendance.
- Ping Pong: still happening under the tent with 2-6 players. Looking into where they will be next. Dennis will be checking into the guidelines about being inside.

Upcoming Programs

- Dennis discussed a Mushroom Walk taking place on Oct. 23 at 3:30 at the Bidwell House. Tom Ryan will lead the walk. There will be a list of attendees for contact tracing and Dennis will get emails to add to the CC email list.
- Nov. 17th Stephanie Sloane will be reading from her poetry book, Dear Me, via Zoom. Information will be in the Monterey News.
- Elisabeth Mashmeyer will hopefully have another food program
- Mary mentioned someone who is a Food Stylist who may be interested in giving a workshop. She will try to find our more information
- Mary also mentioned that the Zimmermans, psychologists may be interested in having a program.

- Cookbook Club is still discussing how to go forward, Mary suggested a Zoom meeting with a favorite Holiday treat.
- Christine has a friend, Carol Shwartz who makes the best sourdough bread and may be interested in doing a Zoom demo.
- Kyle will talk to Peter Poirier about a concert on Zoom.
- Kyle will check with Karen Weiner about a geneology program
- No Holiday Market this year.
- Dennis and Elaine are working on Lighting up Monterey. An organizational meeting will be held via Zoom Oct. 12th at 7pm. Discussion about asking the Selectboard for \$1500 to help with this project but not possible. The group is looking to light up downtown, residences and businesses during the darkest time of the year. They will be developing a plan at the meeting.

Other Business:

- Reopening the CC? Mary said the building was measured and with the Governor Baker's alga rhythm only 4 people are allowed inside but there needs to be a staff person there to make sure all guidelines are met. This gets complicated. Two groups have requested to be indoors, AlAnon and PingPong. Going forward we will take each event case by case, so there is no decision about reopening at this point. Mary will follow up with the Health Agent.
- Parking Lot Lighting: Mary and Laurie met with lighting specialist, Nancy Tamosovich along with Melissa Noe and Shawn Tryon. There was discussion of possibility of solar but the expense may be limiting (\$30-40,000). We are still waiting on an estimate from Nancy. It was mentioned that dimmable lights seemed unnecessary but motion detection would be appropriate.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45 am

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Jensen