

Minutes: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Monterey Community Center Committee

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

Guest: Myrna Rosen

Meeting commenced at 10:10 am

August 31, 2023 Minutes approved.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 12, 2023 @ 10am at the MCC**

Ping Pong:

Myrna Rosen spoke about the benefits of ping pong and that she wants to donate a folding ping pong table to the MCC. There was much discussion particularly about where the large piece of equipment will be stored as we don't want to crowd the space and how grateful the committee was for Myrna's generosity. There was a vote to accept the ping pong table and the vote passed overwhelmingly with one dissention.

Director Hiring:

Laurie reported that there were 8 applicants for the Director's job, most of them came from Indeed. Laurie, Melissa and Sophia (HR) decided to interview 6 but there was one no-show, and one that found another job. They interviewed four applicants. With one applicant eliminated, the rest of the MCC hiring committee was invited to the second interviews. Of the 3 applicants, Kathryn Roberts removed her application. Two applicants are to be interviewed on Friday, Oct. 6th at 9am and then 10am. Laurie asked for other questions to ask the candidates and please get to her by tonight.

Past and Ongoing Programs:

- Marshal Messer Concert had 57 attendees.
- Mark Andrews noted that the plywood left over from the concerts should be saved and asked if Jim Hunt and his crew could move it to the basement. Mary will ask.
- Mushroom walk with John Wheeler had 25 attendees. They found 69 varieties of mushrooms.
- Exercise with Annie is changing her focus a bit. She has had from 3-10 participants. The cost is \$10/person and she needs \$100 for each visit. COA is backing this program and making up any difference if they are short funds.
- Matter of Balance has 8-12 attendees. Participants are expected to be present for all four weeks, two times/week.
- Cookbook Club had 7 participants. Program is going well, hope we can entice some more folks.
- Flu Clinic had 30 attendants. We are waiting for the next clinic date.
- Breathwork and Relaxation costs \$30/time

Upcoming Programs:

- Railroad Street Youth Project will have a health & wellness program for high school students on Oct. 26 @ 3pm.
- Molly Goodchild is planning on teaching beginning knitting/crochet and thinks they may start the first Thursday afternoon in November during the Darn Yarners session.
- Hanna Jensen is hoping to have a pie crust making workshop in early November.
- Bruce Mandel is considering a couple of small concerts. He is asking \$500 from the Cultural Council so it may be a possibility. He will need to pay \$50 for a rental fee. This isn't an MCC program at this time.
- There is still interest in learning to use the defibrillator. Mary needs someone to follow up on this. Maybe the new director will.

Other Business:

- Finances: Mary gave out the Expense Control Report. There was a discussion of expenses. It was noted that the Community Garden does bring in some income.
- Cultural Council Grants: Grants are due October 15th. Wendy J & Elaine are applying for monies for the 3 Summer Concerts again. Suggestions for some musicians from the group: Alan Dean (repeat), Lucky 5 (Downing), Hunter Andrus. There was also some interest in having another coffee house like we did pre pandemic. JoAnn Bell will apply for another grant for the mushroom walk, maybe even have two.
- Lighting: Lighting seems to be doing ok, we may need more light for the walkway.
- Donation Box: The wooden donation box came but was broken so it will be returned and we will get another.
- Parking: There was discussion about extra parking for events. Mary will call Rob to see about a layout plan for the field where extra parking can happen.
- Meadow: Needs mowing and Mary will be contacting Gary O'Brien
- Pavilion: Laurie met with Melissa and we need to get all of our numbers together for the spring warrant for Town meeting. Areas we need estimates: 1. Lighting 2. New bathroom 3. Parking 4. Pavilion Mark is talking to commercial builders.
- Dennis suggested a Master Plan for the Community Center Property that should be included in the Town's Master plan. It was voted to have Dennis approach the Town Master Plan Committee to add a plan for the CC.
- Discussion about an Open House for Mary to thank her for her service. Sunday, Oct. 8 from 2-4 at the MCC.
- Nancy Kleban has been helping with: website, calendar changes, working with Melissa at Town office and the phone.

Meeting adjourned: 12:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Wendy G. Jensen