

Minutes: Wednesday, November, 14, 2019

Monterey Community Center Committee

Meeting commenced: 9:30am

Present: Laurie Shaw, Wendy Germain, Kyle Pierce, Mary Makuc, Wendy Jensen, Christine Goldfinger, Elaine Lynch, Dennis Lynch

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, December 12, 2019**

-Minutes were approved for September 11 meeting. Wendy Jensen will send to Melissa at Town Hall to be posted.

-There won't be any renaming of the Community Center.

-Review of Programs by Mary Makuc

-Amber Chand event drew a large crowd of 35. It was well attended and a successful night.

-Alanon's attendance is up

-Mary Kate Jordan had 3 meetings in October, only a few attendees but Mary Kate was good with that.

-Linda Wooster's concert was cancelled due to her being ill and death in the family.

-The historical reenactment of Patience Brewster for Bidwell had 11 attendants. Cider and cookies were served. Program put together by Sue Farnum.

-Canasta: now every Thursday

-"How to be a Smart College Shopper" was a free program and had 6 folks attending.

-Ping Pong has about 2-4 players on a regular basis. Dennis Lynch said they may have a ping pong training session with Steve Graves who has offered to teach for free. Dennis will firm up the workshop details.

-Regular Programs are: Chorus, Mahjong, chair yoga, cards/bridge, canasta, balance, Darn Yarners, ping pong and Alanon.

-Halloween was an ugly night weather-wise and Ilene Marcus and a friend gave out candy at the Library that was purchased by Elaine and Dennis Lynch with money from the Coffee Club.

-New Programs and Suggestions:

-The Cookbook Club will be having their first meeting Friday, Dec. 13th from 11:45-1ish. Wendy J will put article in Monterey News and notify those via email.

-There was discussions of the first upcoming Coffee House (no firm date yet). Elaine and Wendy have offered to organize. Wendy has contacted Eric Martin as well as Peter Poirier for

possible musicians. It was suggested to use Gould Farm's bakery for refreshments. The Coffee House will run from 7pm-9pm.

- There will be a program on Friday morning, November 22 called "Navigance" sponsored by Fallon Health Care. It will share education on health care plans through Mass Health and Medicare. This program is for people over 65
- Mary will check into a possible person for a Chess night program.
- Many still interested in another gardening panel with Steve Pullen. Laurie will contact.
- We may be able to get Kevin West another program in the spring.
- There is some interest for another knitting workshop like the one that Molly Goodchild did. Elaine will speak with her.

PR:

- Mary is contacting folks that may be able to give us a hand with PR. Maybe there could be an incentive for seniors with the tax abatement offer?
- Mary would like a volunteer to put calendars around, Chris Goldfinger will help out.

PayPal:

- We need to talk about refund and/or cancellation policy
- Wendy J described the Town of Otis' way of registering and spoke with Patricia Richards at their town offices who would be happy to talk with us.
- Terry See is redoing our website and she knows about PayPal. Mary is still looking into this.

MCC Parking Lot Lights:

- Joe Baker is looking into different lighting possibilities either by shielding or motion sensors and/or low end of spectrum lighting.
- Discussion about lighting the MCC sign better
- Maybe taking Joe Baker's suggestion of a reflective border painted on the sign would help.

Other Business.

- Discussion about who is taking out the trash and how are MCC users dealing with recycling? The Town seems to be taking the trash but we must get recycling bins.
- Elaine and Dennis will ask for a recycling bin.
- Group decided to set the 2nd (second) Thursday of the month as its meeting date. Making January 9th our January meeting at 9:30am.

Meeting adjourned: 11:15am

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Jensen