

Newtown Community Center Committee

August 21, 2018 6:30 pm Town Hall South

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

Ms Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:34.

Present –Doria Linnetz, Nancy Doniger, Fred Taylor, Kinga Walsh, Cheyanne Wirtz, Brian Hartgraves, Jeff Tousignant

Absent – Bill Buchler, Bill Manfredonia

Also Present – Amy Mangold, Matthew Ariniello

Mr Tousignant made a motion to add new/old business to agenda Ms Wirtz seconded. approved

November 6th meeting needs to be changed to the 13th. Will become a special meeting and the only meeting in November. Town Clerk's office will be notified and a room found by Ms Frampton.

Mr Hartgraves moved to accept the minutes of the August 14th meeting. 2nd by Mr Tousignant – Ms Walsh stated the Mission Statement should have been marked DRAFT approved Mr Taylor abstained

Membership

Mr Tousignant reported that memberships will probably begin being sold on March 1st. Discussion on many categories of purchasers, discounts for different groups and the variety of options for each package to be sold. Guest passes need to be addressed as well. He reminded us that the advice from other centers is keeping things simple.

We need a plan to ensure security and safety since membership will not be required to enter the center.

Possibility of wrist bands for the pool area, the life guards will monitor.

Senior Center will be invited to the next meeting. All pool activities will be under the management of the Community Center. The Senior Center will not be in charge of any programming in the pool.

Comparing pricing to similar places is being done. Considering a town wide water/pool pass.

Organizational

Mr Hartgraves reported they are working on sharing resources. Aquatics Director and part time Aquatics coordinator will include the High School pool and seasonal facilities.

Facilities Manager will service the Community Center, Senior Center and Municipal Center. Position will require a certified pool operator and ability to do repairs.

Programming – to meet in September. Committee recommended hiring Program Coordinator soon. Mr. Ariniello has stated that he has handed off a organizational structure analysis to Mr. Tait to review and plug in some numbers to be able to discuss with Mr. Rosenthal.

Fundraising will meet tomorrow night. Funds for the \$96,000 patio and other projects needed to be able to enhance the facility stated Mr. Ariniello. They will look at resources and needs. The first phase of the fundraising and development committee will look at larger items and then focus on long term fundraising and financial assistance. Town guidelines for raising funds and acknowledgement will be reviewed. Looking at security grant through Redwood Insurance. Discussing a WCAA grant for water aerobics with Friends of Newtown Seniors and Senior Center. If awarded grant for defibrillator will save \$2500 – defibrillator must be placed by main desk due to corrosive components.

Software grant is being applied for to cover software to develop town wide calendars regarding programs and events and display televisions to promote CC/SC programs along with non-profits and town initiatives. This will be seen on TV screens around the facility.

Marketing and Communications/ Directors update-

Construction is currently on time. Roof decking has began along with Masonry walls component. Pool Joists are completed and will be painted. Fire protection services will begin next week.

Mr. Rosenthal has approved both water tapping of Simpson Street BOS and the grease traps after reallocating some funding. Mr. Ariniello is working on a security grant currently through Redwood Insurance

24 Foundations/ families wish to be included in the legacy area. Technology component has been solidified

General Electric recognition – Mr Hargraves and Ms Linnetz will assist in the verbage for the plaque and get it to Mr. Ariniello to review.

Company to design logo will be chosen shortly. Cost will be about \$1800. We will own the logo. Mr Ariniello will ask to have the company come to the next meeting. Once logo is designed we can start marketing at town events this fall. Discussion on ways to generate interest.

Suggestion was made to solicit University interns to assist in projects. Discussion held on best way to distribute newsletter.

Community events coming up – Mr. Ariniello suggests being present at following events: Arts Festival(Sept 14, 15, 16), Health Fair (Sept 22), Newtown Day (Oct 6), Carnival (Oct 19, 20, 21) we should be visible to answer questions and accept suggestions.

Financial Subcommittee –

Mr Tousignant and Mr Taylor will join the Organizational Subcommittee (Ms Linnetz and Mr Hartgraves) to form this committee.

Mission Statement

Discussion on the draft from the last meeting. Final mission statement: The Newtown Community Center is a multi-generational hub that enhances our community by promoting social interaction, health and wellness, creative opportunities and personal growth.

Mr Hartgraves moved to accept the Mission Statement as amended. Mr Tousignant 2nd the motion. Unanimous approval.

Mr Hartgraves moved to adjourn the meeting Mr Tousignant 2nd the motion – approved

Meeting adjourned 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

LeReine Frampton, clerk