

Maple Corner Community Center Board meeting - March 13, 2018

Present: Pres. Dirk Van Susteren, Treasurer John Rosenblum, Andrew Nemethy, Peter Burke, Jamie Moorby, Carolyn Morton.

The board approved the minutes of the previous meeting in November 16, 2017.

Jamie opened a discussion, based on a request at the previous meeting, on whether the board should consider raising some of the rental rates for use of the MCCC, which have remained low for years while expenses have risen. Carolyn noted the board is sensitive to keeping the rates as low as possible, as a nonprofit, but agreed we had to think also about the budget and meeting the expenses of running the center.

There was considerable discussion of who uses the Center and how often. As manager of the MCCC, Jamie reported that the vast majority of users are local, guessing perhaps one quarter of those renting the center might be from out of town. There was also a lot of discussion about some users who have special rates or arrangements and what any impact of higher rates would be on them.

Carolyn moved that we update the hourly rental rates, raising the local rate to \$12 and the out of town rate to \$20. Peter seconded the motion and the new rates were approved. The board informally agreed to reassess how the fees are working out versus expenses and usage in a year.

Based on a sheet explaining the hours worked and nature of the operations manager job produced by Jamie, the board debated the idea of raising the current \$250 a month. \$3,000 a year budget for the job. After considerable discussion about the erratic on call hours that are involved and appreciation of the diverse nature of the job, plus the need to make it appealing to any future manager, the board voted unanimously to up the annual pay to \$390 a month, or \$4680, a raise in the budget of \$1680 annually. It was agreed to enact the raise in the next month (February).

The discussion included consideration of how to raise additional money with fundraisers and a sense that the board could find ways to pay for the increase.

President Dirk gave a short rundown on the upcoming March 31 China dinner, which was fully subscribed. Treasurer John noted his resignation from the post and the board after 15 years will take effect in July at the end of the MCCC fiscal year. He also said he would look into having someone come and do a financial review of the books before he departs.