

Maple Corner Community Center Board meeting - May 1, 2018

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Rosenblum discussed the work involved with his job, the time needed and the requirements for keeping track of financial info on an Excel computer spreadsheet, as background for board efforts to find a replacement to take his spot after his retirement in September. He said it does require an "aptitude and to have worked with it" to do the job.

John agreed with a suggestion from Carolyn Morton that it would be helpful to draft a document outlining what he does for future reference on the requirements of being treasurer. John added that he figures an hour a month is about the time required and then a day or more before the annual meeting to prepare a new fiscal year budget.

One significant item is underspent on the current fiscal 2018 budget, John noted. The MCCC set aside \$14,750 for major capital projects and maintenance but because the insulation project on the MCCC was significantly less costly than expected only \$5,300 has been spent from that budget line to date.

Also boosting the budget was the big success of the Chinese dinner organized by President Van Susteren which brought in \$850. John also reported that rental income had already exceeded the \$2,200 anticipated for the year by 50%. JC Myers cautioned that on the flip side, future repairs are likely going to be needed to items, such as the MCCC bulkhead, the front Canopy over the entrance and to keep in mind other big-ticket items down the road, such as the furnace and redoing the roof at some point.

A number of housekeeping and maintenance issues were discussed. One was the lack of some important utensils and cooking implements in the MCCC kitchen, and Carolyn Morton suggested since use of the kitchen is implied with rental, to add items such as some large pots and pans we do not currently have. Jamie noted that as manager she does get questions about use of the kitchen and said people do want to use it. And Dirk noted that if we are renting the MCCC for \$50 it should have a functional kitchen.

JC Myers made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$400 to buy pots, pans and knives to stock the kitchen. The motion was approved unanimously. Dirk also said he would advertise to see if anyone has big cast iron skillets they want to part with the MCCC could use.

Jamie reported that one of the small lending library boxes, where people can drop off books for others to read, that have cropped up around the central Vermont area was being offered to the MCCC. She suggested it might be an attractive and useful addition to the center. An emphasis on childrens' books was warmly endorsed by the board, which approved spending up to \$100 to install it in front of the building,

The board also unanimously agreed to offer use of the MCCC to town officials for meetings while the Gospel Hollow Calais Town Hall is being renovated.

The board adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.