

Maple Corner Community Center Annual Meeting - Sept. 21, 2017

Board members present: Board president Dirk Van Susteren, Andrew Nemethy, Carolyn Morton, John Rosenblum, Anne-Marie John, Heidi Thompson, Debbie Clark, JC Myer

18 people in total attended the annual meeting to adopt an annual budget and discuss work done on the center the previous fiscal year as well as spending proposals for the fiscal year 2018.

Discussion of the budget included explanation of 2017 improvements such as new heat exchangers that have improved ventilation and aided with the musty smell in the building; continued plans to upgrade tables at the rate of two a year; plans for improving energy efficiency at MCCC; repairing deterioration in the wall around an upstairs window; and minor sprucing up of the bathroom paint and providing a \$600 matching grant to buy a cider press for community use.

There was also discussion about determining a minimum threshold for when bids should be obtained for work at the MCCC.

Treasurer John Rosenblum said he had worked to improve controls on the finances and “keep them open and transparent.”

Calais resident John Buck, who is a staffer with the Community Foundation that invests and holds MCCC funds, strongly recommended that the center hire someone for an audit of the books saying that was good fiscal practice and a worthy cautionary measure. Board members agree that was an important action.

The proposed budget, which anticipated spending \$23,349 for operations of the MCCC, was adopted by a voice vote, David Healy moved the question and Jim Clark seconding the motion.

Elections: MCCC The slate of existing board officers were re-elected by voice vote. President Dirk Van Susteren, Vice President ???? and Treasurer John Rosenblum,

Program Committee: Heidi Thompson said four new members, some with young children, have added new blood and ideas to the committee and members are discussing new events related to arts or film and music, while the regular events like the corn roast and graduation potluck were successful this year. Annemarie raised again the idea of having arts hung on the walls and perhaps bringing different artists to MCCC to connect with local students of community.

Other Business: Community comments

John Buck explained the Community Foundations operations and role in managing MCCC money, noting it now serves me 700 non-profits and has 40 different investment managers overseeing the monies it manages.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Andrew Nemethy