**NCAC Board Minutes**

December 7, 2017

Attending: Larry Greene, Allison Long, Tacie Jones, David Simpson, Kelly Collis, Perry Martin, Kate

**Call to order: 7:05 p.m.**

**Financials**

David presented the financials and they were approved by board vote. The second propane bill cost $600, which is still high, however, there is no leak.

**Board Business**

The November minutes were approved.

The Board determined that they would not do a Christmas open house this year. Lois suggested November would be better.

Blue Ridge Center Stage will host their Christmas Extravaganza from December 15-17, with performances from the Newport Mt. Olivet youth group and Giles School of Dance. They will also have pictures with Santa.

Larry reported that the insurance on the building has been paid.

In addition, the windows were installed in all rooms.

Tacie reported that there is a chance that Mayapple will be leaving the Community Center because the pipeline is a major issue for parents.

Larry reported that ten new exit lights have been placed all over the building. The fire extinguishers are inspected and good to go.

The slide is now off limits for the after school program due to a student injury. However, the board agreed to keep the slide with the new after school restrictions.

The board also agreed to put the swings back up.

**Committee Updates**

Perry asked the board to keep in mind that the Holy Cross kids will arrive on March 5 and to pass along any indoor projects to Perry. Perry also said an evening could possibly be arranged.

Perry wants to convene a true program committee to plan Saturday morning ball team practice in the cafeteria, or other programs with younger kids. Perry also suggested the possibility of an open gym for the walking community and even mapping out the distance of laps in cafeteria. Perry then asked if there was other equipment we need to buy for inside use?

Larry would really like to see a satellite wellness center in the future.

Tacie reported that in Google search, the old website comes up first. Allison will look into this.

Larry reported that the leak in the auditorium has been fixed. Part of the rubber roof was folded back. However, the curtains in the theatre are broken and there is now a leak in the men’s bathroom. Larry is working to resolve these issues.

**Programs**

JAM has not received any grant documentation from the Pembroke Charity, but Matt had reported that we should be getting funds. Larry shared that the JAM program won’t be able to set up until September. Perry asked if we could informally start – or have it run concurrent with the Saturday morning practices, etc. Larry reported that the Christiansburg program has already started.

Kate asked if there would be interest in trying to get Bright Works (a band out of Clifton Forge) to play in Newport. She wants to have something like First Fridays and have tickets to get in – maybe a food truck or kid friendly thing or two – or just a concert night for the family. Tacy suggested that Kate come up with a proposal. Kate also suggested a community talent show and expressed interest in renting the kitchen.

Free Lunch Fridays is still going strong.

Tacie suggested that the board begin talking in January about the Open House.

**Other Business**

Adjourned at 7:59 p.m.