**NCAC Board Minutes**

March 1, 2018

Attending: Larry Greene, Allison Long, Kelly Collis, Linda Correll, Perry Martin, Matt Little

**Call to order: 7:03 p.m.**

**Board Business**

**Open House:**

There was a conflict with the Open House date of May 12. The board then decided that the Open House would be held May 19 from 10-4 with live music running 10-2.

Blue Ridge Center Stage will present Oz! the Musical on May 18, 19, 20.

Allison will work on mailer to send out. LocoArts will take the lead on the art show in cafeteria. Perry will ask Kala about getting schools involved. Fran Stafford and Mary Lois Williams need to be contacted to see if they can come. Larry will contact the quilters. Larry will also do the meal – barbecue – and it’s a great way to promote Free Lunch Fridays. Perry can do sports outside. Allison will ask Andrea if the Farm Experience would like to come back. Emily is talking to Joelle about possibly doing a story time for the open house. Stella the therapy dog may also be a possibility.

Perry will work on lining up music. Linda will check with the stonecarvers about doing a demonstration as well as check on maybe doing a dog obedience demo. Allison suggested the possibility of doing a cakewalk as an additional fundraiser after the lunch hours.

Community booths to follow up with: Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley; NRV Community Health; NMOUMC.

Blue Ridge Center Stage said they would have a booth with face painting.

Larry reported that he was approached by Linda Jilke, Literacy Volunteers of the NRV, about story time and literacy at the community center.

Perry reported that students from the College of the Holy Cross would be here Saturday, March 3 through Friday evening, March 9. Depending on the weather, the students may work at the community center Tuesday and Friday. Larry has plenty of projects.

Allison will renew the website’s domain name and also post on her personal page about the “see first” settings on Facebook.

The Fiddlers Convention bill was paid Tuesday.

**Programs**

Library received a donation for $25 and will give that to him.

Green Burial program going on tonight so feel free to go by.

Perry reported that approximately 8 people are interested in programming and that he was trying to find a regular meeting time that would work for everyone. One parent was looking for basketball program for K-3 closer to home – that age group might be appropriate or even a Saturday morning drill session or possibly a portable goal might be brought into the cafeteria. Larry asked if the Community Center needed to get a hoop attached to the backboard already there. Kelly may have a portable goal that could be used.

Another suggestion from the programming committee meeting was a kid-oriented game room, as well as a fitness room. Currently, there is not any free space, but Larry reported that if Mayapple relocates due to the pipeline that area might open up.

Perry also reported that Robin Atkins is on board with helping with the music. Perry would like to incorporate that with Saturday programs. Kindermusic came up as a topic, if there were someone to do that, it would be awesome. Perry stated that there is interest - so we just need to follow up and make this happen.

Perry has done some homework on a batting cage that suspends from the rafters but the price tag is around $1,100. Allison brought up the idea of a scheduled fundraiser for programs. Perry would like to bring more clinics in and really focus on K-3 programming. A fundraiser was discussed for April.

Free Lunch Fridays is moving forward. Approximately 45-50 meals were served each week this winter (26 deliveries).

Kelly reported that a sound and music crew is coming in to do Oz! show for free but they want us to put a permanent bar across the auditorium ceiling. Taylor’s grandfather is a contractor and may be able to come to look at the space. Larry’s only concern is if the auditorium roof would hold that bar. Board asked Kelly to have the contractor come and look to see if it’s even feasible.

Larry reported that the upcoming rentals included: the Stonecarvers Workshop; Henry Reed Festival; June primaries; and elections in November.

**Other Business**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.