

Minutes for the Community Center Committee on January 27, 2016

Meeting Called to order at 4:27pm

Attendance Taken: Marge Peterson, Tom Flaherty, Mary Harada, Susan Babbs, Theresa Woodbury, Jill Eichhost, Joel Grossman, Dick Cushing & Glenn Kemper

1.) A suggested was made to talk to Jean Nelson about working for the committee part time. She is a wealth of information and would be an asset to the committee. She could come to the meeting and take the minutes for us as well as do some of the follow up work in regards to researching different aspects. Marge and Glenn talked about funding for this position as well as talking to Jean to see if she was interested in it.

2.) Goals of the Committee: Marge talked about the committee members coming back to the next meeting with a wish list in what we would like to have. We talked about other communities going forward with intergenerational centers.

~Glenn talked about how pleased he was with the turnout for the committee.

~ Susan stated that the library has already started to do this and has a committee that is brainstorming through strategic planning, surveying, ideas, prioritizing, etc. They had a facilitator bring it all together to see what their needs would be. The library is looking for a meeting room for speaker series, community use, etc.

~The representatives from each organizations should come back to the next meeting with what we are looking for. The library currently has a grant to do this.

~Glenn questioned-What is our long term goal? 25 years out what are we looking at?

~Theresa asked-Population growth what are we looking at? And can we take that into effect? Can we look at the developments that are being planned or should we not even because they are ever changing?

Final decision is lets make a big wish list and then we will start to break it down into realistic goals from there.

3.) ATM Request for Funding: Town meeting funding we would need to have a place holder if we feel the need.

~We would need a number by March 28th in order for it to go to town meeting.

~ Tom started the number discussion by stating that he would like \$6,000. He explained this by stating that he would like to see the Senior Center utilize the St. Johns Hall for the next year and that is how much it will take to heat the building. He has spoken to the parish in the past and they are more than happy to have the town utilize the building as long as the heat is paid for by the town. We could use the building on a trial basis for extra room.

~Glenn stated that he would rather see the COA put a request to increase their budget then for the committee to ask for the money. He stated that his concerns lay that the town might see this as the fix that we are looking for. Rather than a long term solution that we need.

~Marge expressed her concerns over the fact that we wouldn't own the building in the long run.

~ Theresa, Mary, Tom & Glenn will go down and look at the building.

~We will table the discussion of town meeting request until next meeting.

4.) Sub-Committees: Breakdown into sub-committees to make it easier on everyone.

a.) Land: Glenn (is there land behind the Page school)?

b.) Buildings: Tom & Mary

c.) Legion: Dick (will talk with Bob Janes about this possibility)

New high school being built should we looking into that? Could be a possibility but it will depend on what happens with the state and the high school.

d.) Funding: Theresa & Dick C.

Theresa will contact Roseann from Newburyport, Dick will contact the banks. Jen Solis noted that there might be matching funds grants through the arts foundation if there is any arts at the new community center that we can apply for.

e.) Research & Visit other Sr/Community Centers: Jill, Joel & Susan

Next Meeting March 1st @ 4:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 5:40pm