**NCAC Board Minutes**

October 5, 2017

Attending: Larry Greene, Allison Long, Joyce Kessinger, Helen Renqvist, Matt Little, Emily Williams

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

**Financials**

David was not present. Larry reported that the bank account is approximately at $18,300.

Insurance for the building is due in November and will run approximately $3,500.

**Board Business**

The Board approved September minutes.

**Committee Updates**

Other hornet issues have been taken care of.

Plexiglass installation on the inside of the windows will begin and hopefully be complete this month.

**Programs**

Larry is submitting a grant request for JAM to the Pembroke Charity and will be turned in next week. The closing date is October 25. At the same time, Larry will request funding from the Pembroke and Newport Ruritan club to help raise money for instruments.

Free Lunch Fridays continues with variable attendance, anywhere from 35-70 lunches. There are 20-25 deliveries every week and anywhere from 10-30 people that show up to the cafeteria. Last week there were 57 people in attendance. Larry is not sure why attendance swings or what the variables are but the menu doesn’t appear to affect attendance.

Emily Williams prepared a program report for the Library’s story time – written in the form of a grant request. At this time, she does not have a particular grant in mind. Larry suggested submitting for the Pembroke Charity. Emily has also been in touch with Kristen Corboy at Eastern Elementary/Middle and would like to partner with schools and libraries for larger community engagement. Allison suggested making contact with the Giles Youth Adult Partnership. Emily will look into Pembroke Charity and contact Larry with any questions and ask Ms. Corboy to look over the program document and ask for any collaborative ideas. Allison and Emily can get together to brainstorm further ideas.

The Library had 58 volunteer hours and 25 adults and 4 children visitors in September. They have continued to have a table at the free lunch Friday. On Halloween, there will be a story time at Ruritan Park at 6 p.m. with Stella the therapy dog.

**Rentals**

The Stonecarver’s Workshop had a wonderful time and would like to hold another event on the fourth weekend in September and would also like to hold a spring workshop.

Mountain State Wrestling is supposed to be here on Saturday but Larry hasn’t heard from them.

Blue Ridge Center Stage will present Dracula and is planning a Christmas Extravaganza and hoping to partner with a dance group.

Emily reported that the Trout Unlimited NRV chapter would be interested in meeting at the Community Center on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. - right after the library closes. They currently meet in Christiansburg but feel that Newport might be more convenient. Anywhere between 10-25 people attend these meetings. They will contact Larry with details.

Chris Hurst rental was not well attended, but 16 people did attend. Hurst said that they’d try again another time.

We still have a waiting list for the artist’s space.

Larry has had some phone calls with Jennifer Claytor from Dance.Motion to look at our space to talk about a pre-school dance group to practice one day a week. Larry has not been able to connect up with her, but will.

Larry contacted Martin Keffer about the Turkey dinner, but hasn’t heard back. Will reach out again.

**Other Business**

Adjourned 7:40 p.m.