

## Community Center Board Meeting Minutes

*Feb 12, 2018 7:00*

Attendees: Tyrone, Dan, Denise, Deb, Rachel, Nance, Kelsi

Approve minutes, name secretary-Rachel

Guest: Kelsi talked about day care:

Kelsi having difficulty finding qualified staff to do infants. It is also difficult to afford having infants because the staff to child ratio is lower. Preschoolers are more affordable because you can have more kids per adult. Kelsi will not take any more infants but will let the current ones age into her toddler group. Barely paying her staff. K could use help with outreach. She has 3 full time preschool and 1 part time preschool available. FPF, fix up the sign, get flyers out to Bakersfield and Enosburg. She is working on getting her staff "qualified" but has had to ask for several variations.

No good support systems for childcare centers. In home daycares have the "Starting Points" network. When Kelsi asks a question of the state she feels like it comes back to bite her. She got a strike when she had an extra kid for 45 min the other day. This would not have happened if she had had the same kids in her own home.

Program Director Report:

- Feb camp, and summer camp all set with online registration. Fewer kids for Feb but important to serve the kids that are signed up. Will not cancel on account of numbers even if we lose a little.
- new art program all set for March- could print up some flyers for peoples fridges
- Bingo: need to post our meeting date so we can get representative form Bingo to attend Board meeting 2X per year. Will wait until the second quarter to request attendance. If we had a regular meeting time it would help. Wednesdays seem to work for folks
- Fund-raising "committee" to meet with JSC guy, Melanie R will join. Lunch time in March? How to access the grants we need.
- Ben and Jerry's PR person who was at the center for a meeting Monday invited us to apply for a grant to do a community project. And to ask for the FULL amount possible.
  
- Town Meeting – we will have a table with hand-outs and a survey. Becky will be there and Deb and Jane. Rachel will be at Bakersfield The survey needs trimming less info more blanks to fill in, one page Rachel will work on this
- Sap Run Boogie – We will pre-sell tickets. if we each sell 20 we will be all set! Becky is looking for raffle items like airplane tickets...
- Follow up from Annual Meeting-
  - kitchen improvement – Nance came up with a draft renovation plan including wall oven, moving the doorway, closing off the pre-school door. Shrinking the closet moving the stainless fridge into the dining room and replacing with work table/shelving. Looking for grants for this.
  
  - food shelf storage- Cold storage over at Jim Cameron's building wonders if the Community center might want to run the business at the center, gaining storage for food shelf and generating an income.

Next Meeting Date:

March 21st