MINUTES FROM FIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEETING - JUNE 5, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:32 p.m. In attendance were: Susie Jones, Deirdre Mueller, Mara Feeney, and Bob Hines.

Motion to approve the minutes of our May 2 Board meeting was made by Deirdre, seconded by Bob, and unanimously approved.

Our next Bingo will be held on June 11. Barbara making Chinese Chicken Salad. Final Bingo of the year is planned for October 8.

Stitch 'N Bitch (1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11-12:30) and Book Club (4th Thursday, 5:00-6:30 pm) are both going strong, with new attendants checking these out each meeting.

Bob Hines Concerts: Richard Smith on June 6, Alice Wallace Band on June 15, Anya Hinkle on September 25, Wake the Dead (Grateful Dead music with a Celtic vibe) on October 10, Late for the Train November 8. Bob still talking with The Farmer and Adelle on December 6. There is a possibility they could team up with another fantastic group called Mae West and the Western Stars for a super event. Bob will investigate price and options and report back.

Susie advised that NO food is to be left in the community center to prevent rodent issues. Take away trash after events or put it outside. Leave absolutely nothing edible behind.

The planning and supply purchasing for Burn Your Own is underway. Susie to complete shopping tomorrow. Tickets have sold out online. There may be a few left at the door, but uncertain as we need to feed volunteers. Susie and Deirdre took many items needed to the firehall already. Fire station staff to get tables, chairs, umbrellas Saturday morning. Fiddletown Flea will be happening same day.

Fiddlers' Jam work will begin in earnest once Burn Your Own is over. Vendors contacted; Austin is taking care of music. This year Kent and Dave will smoke the tri-tip. Bob plans to reach out to bands and organizers planning to attend the 3-day Bluegrass event happening at the county fairground same weekend.

Javi may be interested in another Salsa dance party. Susie to let him know if there are any possible dates left in 2025. Mara could offer the former Moose Lodge as an alternative venue. Deirdre and Mara to follow up if he wants to do something in the community center.

Mara applied for Bank of America grant. There were many hiccups along the road, including a big red notice that these grants are not eligible to Amador County recipients two days before deadline. Submitted anyway as we had a letter from BofA foundation that Amador IS eligible.

The fiddle over our FCC entrance will be repainted soon. Erik is planning to pull it down on June 21. Steve and at least 2 others will help get it off the roof and onto Erik's vehicle. He'll take it away and work on it at his home workshop, installing it again before the Jam. This year, we plan to replace the roof over the entrance while the fiddle is down--to stop the leaking and make it more solid (now simply sheet metal roofing over wood frame, no plywood). Fiddle will continue to be maintained annually (in Spring and before September Jam).

Kent has ordered roofing material to replace the roof under the fiddle after June 21. He's replaced panel and most of outlets in the kitchen, along with 3 new outlets in kitchen. He will continue with other areas as time permits.

Library use was discussed briefly. The space is looking great with new lights and new books. Deirdre offered to help design or locate signs for section topics that we could move without having to remove glue. Once the porch over the roof is rebuilt, Susie plans to purchase and donate to FCC an all-weather metal cabinet for the community center porch. This could be used for fire and evacuation information, self-guided Fiddletown tour maps, etc. as well as free library books. Deirdre pointed out that the library space could be used more efficiently with shelving that allows you to adjust shelf height, so more books will fit in the same floor space.

The FCC website needs a lot of updating with so many new activities going on. Bob updates the information on upcoming concerts. Deirdre has been doing the rest and welcomes any help. At least let her know if we notice something out of date that needs to be fixed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.