

Minutes of the Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting

December 12, 2018, 10:10 AM

Present: Rita Farrell, BZ Reilly, Elizabeth Fernandez O'Brien, Christine Marglin, Christine Robinson

Meeting called to order 10:10.

BZ made a flyer to advertise winter classes.

Rita: 9 people each expressed interest in Kathy's Strength Training and yoga classes. In the spring, yoga will be free but the library will no longer fund Strength Training and Kathy's yoga class.

Kathy wants to raise the cost of classes to the library to match what she is receiving from Wendell and from our committee, and in any case the grant used by the library to fund Kathy's classes won't be available until June, if it is renewed. Hence the library's cancellation of those classes.

Council on Aging gave a grant of one thousand dollars to the library for classes.

Mary Anne will attend a future meeting to present her own views.

Deadline for all class registrations to be December 27. Elizabeth will post classes on Nextdoor, and people who have expressed interest will be emailed by Rita. BZ will post the registration sheets/flyers she has created at town hall and the post office, Rita will place a notice in Roadtown News. All classes will be for eight weeks. Three tuition waivers total will be available for the three classes. Class registration will be capped at 17 participants. If we have more than 17 for any class it will be first come, first served.

The Finance Committee wants all committees level funded unless there is an urgent need. Money we raise is carried over to the next year, but budget funds are not. The Celebrate Shutesbury Committee would like funding from the Recreation Committee. If the money exists when the date arrives, we can give it to that event. We can pay for a specific aspect of the event if the money is available. Our aim is to fund Shutesbury events and things people here in town will attend. Our budget request will remain \$750 for 2019. Our operating category will events and classes; explanation is level funding. We can demonstrate the need for funding with the numbers of Shutesbury residents who have taken classes.

We collected \$820 from class registrations in total, and expenses totaled \$670, with a surplus of \$150.

Next meeting will be January 16, 2019 at 10 am. Our agenda for that meeting will be to meet with Mary Anne. Elizabeth will try to Skye in. We will also talk about new programs.

Christine R spoke with Hena Sussha about Sirius trails that can potentially be explored in spring.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Meetings need to be posted on the town website. BZ will post and check for messages left for the committee.

Meeting adjourned 11:54.