

Present: Dirk Van Susteren, Carolyn Morton, Andrew Nemethy, Peter Burke, Steve Sweeney, Rick Dryfoos, Jamie Moorby, Nancy Toulis, Bill Powell

HEATING SYSTEM

The MCCC heating system, whose condition and maintenance has been a recurring subject for discussion for months, was again on the agenda. The issue was a proposal to switch to biofuel for the oil heat system, and discussion of issues with that move based on a letter by the board's local expert, Tim Maker. The board wanted to know if biofuel was more expensive, and also any maintenance issue involved with the switch.

Rik Dryfoos also suggested more info was needed about how this affects the maintenance contract for the heating system and plans for removing the existing oil tank. The board agreed we need to clarify issues about switching to biofuel, the existing maintenance contract and getting quotes on replacing the old oil tank and concrete pad.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ann Schuenemann, who has taken over and re-energized the program committee, reported that new activities and new blood had been added and were now meeting monthly. "I feel like we have a good group of people and energy," she said. She cited new events now scheduled, from a "sound bath" that can host 30 people, an upcoming No String Marionettes performance and puppet making, as

well as setting up monthly pot lucks at the center.

Schuenemann also said the program committee is networking with the Friends of Calais, all as part of expanding the MCCC footprint in the community.

The board then launched into a discussion about traditional events that have lapsed during the COVID pandemic, such as the 4th of July Parade, as well as hosting classes and clinics, say for gardeners. Also discussed was how events are advertised to the community.

The board also reviewed possible usage of the MCCC as part of the annual Blue Barn summer camp, run by local community members, and how the swimming program at the camp was being handled. Dirk Van Susteren said it was important that if the camp was associated with the MCCC that lifeguards had to be part of the program. "For me, that's key," he said.

Treasurer Bill Powell reported that the outdoor paint on parts of the center is showing signs of wear and budget plans should be made to consider repainting. He suggested contacting Don Heise to look at the siding to give us as assessment. Andrew Nemethy said he would call Don and ask if he would give us his recommendation.