

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 2-14-24

Attending: members Diana Hardina, Mary Lou Gallup, and Norman Beebe, and Cowell Interim Director John Walsh

1---- **Approve minutes** for January

2---- **Open gym** week of February 19th – will be from Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 pm. Stefan, who is the point person, was planning to cover every day BUT he emailed saying he may have a conflict for the second hour. Norman and Diana will clarify his needs and either cover or cancel the time where we don't have coverage.

3--- **Toddler/preschool open gym** – Norman was contacted by Nina Taylaco about whether the gym could be used for a toddler drop-in play group. (Years ago we had a group that used grant money to essentially run a toddler group at the gym.) We are open to the idea. Mary Lou thought she heard that about something similar to this idea run out of Trinity Church. If that's the case, it may be unnecessary.

4--- **Cowell Facilities Director report:** 1) John has created a form for turning in money. He will share this form with the facilitators of each group that collects money. 2) Jim Burnham has provided John an app for monitoring the temperature through-out the gym. 3) John has created a Google Calendar for the Cowell schedule. We can all edit the calendar and make edits and updates as needed.

Cowell maintenance/repair discussed: 1) old single pane basement windows need replacing; 2) bleachers – all agree the handicap accessible bleacher needs to be repaired or replaced. Mary Lou feels the old bleachers should be as well; 3) one of the new electrical switches in the ping pong room is still not working – John will follow up with the electricians; 4) the light out in the gym has a bad starter and will require scaffolding to replace; 5) John thinks we might be able to get a grant to buy quilted shades for the gym's large windows; 6) gym cleaning – Norman will send John the info on this so we can get some quotes for what it will cost; 7) painting the exterior of the gym – Diana will provide John an estimate of the amount of paint needed.

5---- Updates

***Ping pong** – still months away. Diana plans to start with two tables, and is looking for proctors. She's thinking of restricting it to people 16 and older.

***Ice skating** – Stefan passed along that this abbreviated skate season has only seen 14 skaters, and may well be over giving the warming temperatures.

***Cowell Youth Winter Program** – the younger groups are doing well, the older groups not so well. For the basketball groups there are 16-18 children on Monday (grades 1-2), Tuesday has 8-10 children (kindergarten), and Thursday 6 children (grades 3-4). The Wednesday soccer group (grades 5-6) has 3 to 7 people.

6--- **Any other business or updates** – Tai Chi starts back up on Saturday March 16th and will run from 10:30am to 12:30 pm. Pickleball will likely move outdoors on Saturdays. If they decide to stay in the gym, they'll let John know.

7--- **Next meeting** will be Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 in the Cowell Gym. We may need to move the meeting to accommodate Diana and Mary Lou who will be out of town.