

The Steering Committee for the Neshkoro Area Community Center met on Monday, July 29 at 6:15 p.m. To date, there have been 247 visitors to the center. There have been two weeks of Zumba and Yoga classes. The art class has been running for four weeks. The quilt show had 150 people attend on July 27.

The talk around the community is concern over focusing solely on seniors. This shows that there is interest by varied age groups. The committee is driven to ensure all age groups will be able to utilize the center. A meeting was held with Bill Wheeler from the Tri-County Economic Development Program. The communications with Wheeler opened the door to seek grants and funding accessible through the state. He sees a good opportunity and potential for the center.

The sources of funding available range from grants to funding for low-income participants. The 501 (c)(3) status is still in need of completion. Articles of incorporation and by-laws will need to be created. Most notable elements that will enhance the success of the center are the kitchen and usable space.

There are several areas needing to be researched to make sure the facility is up to code and regulations, such as fire protection devices and restroom upgrades.

A meeting schedule to facilitate those working different hours was agreed upon. A total of 31 surveys have been received with 29 resulting in positive feedback regarding the establishment of the center. Those interested in completing a survey to give their input on the center can obtain a copy at the Neshkoro Library. The next scheduled meeting will be within the next three weeks. For more information contact the center at neshkoroareacommunitycenter@gmail.com.