

- **DMCC Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025 Overview**

- The Community Center Planning Meeting held on February 18 began with introductions and a Pledge of Allegiance, showcasing the attendees' dedication to the Damascus community. Upcoming events highlighted included a plant swap scheduled for May, regular game nights, and a proposed co-ed softball fundraiser. The underused amphitheater's potential was discussed, leading to the formation of a committee for new activities like movie nights and open mic events. Ongoing yoga classes have generated significant donations for health initiatives, and upcoming blood drives and CPR training were planned. Additional proposals included a 'Stitch and Bitch' group and a pancake breakfast on March 1. Key action items were assigned to volunteers for organizing these events and improving the center's mission statement and bylaws.

- **Meeting Opening and Introductions**

- Pledge of Allegiance recited
- Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM
- Treasure's report showed a balance of \$9,425.74. Motion to approve by Linda and seconded by Bernadette.
- Attendees introduced themselves, sharing their backgrounds and connections to Damascus
- Many participants expressed love for the area and community

Community Center Updates

- Kitchen renovation cost was approximately \$3,500. New countertops, sink, and faucets installed. Contractor hired for removing wallpaper, putting on backsplash tile and adding under cabinet lights.

- **Communication and Technology**

- Linda & Tracy are working on getting a Facebook page up and running

- **Community Ideas and Events**

- Plant swap event scheduled for May 17th or 18th
- Joyce volunteered to maintain the perennial garden outside the community center
- Game nights/afternoons discussed as a potential regular event
- Proposal for co-ed softball/kickball fundraiser on the baseball field
- Suggestion for arts and crafts day for kids
- Proposal for 'Stitch and Bitch' group for crocheting, sewing, and needlepoint
- Bake-off fundraiser suggested
- Need for mission statement and bylaw amendments discussed
- Discussion about offering CPR and Narcan training
- Discussed potential uses for the underutilized amphitheater

- Ideas included movie nights, poetry readings, open mic nights, and karaoke
- Sign-up sheets were circulated to indicate interest in possible committees for proposed events/ideas
- **Upcoming Events and Volunteering**
 - Pancake breakfast Saturday March 1st 8:00 am to noon, in conjunction with Northeast Pennsylvania Maple Syrup Growers ~ Set up will be Friday, February 28th at 3PM
 - Yoga Classes every Wednesday evening 5 pm – 6pm, from Jan 29th to March 26th
 - DMCC Meeting every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm
 - Recycling every 2nd Saturday of the month, 8am to noon. Free to the public, coffee and donuts provided. Done in conjunction with the pancake breakfast from May thru Sept
 - Red Cross Blood Drive to be held April 3rd, 2025, 11 am to 6pm
 - Penny Social to be held sometime in May or June TBD, to raise funds for local animal shelters. (B Miller)
 - Damascus Yard and Craft Sale, Sept 27, 2025, from 9am to 4pm
 - DMCC Trunk or Treat, October 26, 2025, from 2pm to 4pm
 - DMCC Rentals - our facility is available for private rentals throughout the year. Contact Linda Dexter to schedule
- Meeting concluded at 8:25 PM