

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, March 27th, 2024

Start time 6:05 p.m. End time 6:40 p.m.

Present : Jen Roberts and Emily Rogers

Treasurer's Report: Unavailable

Old Business: The Bonfire event was successful with approximately 45 people in attendance even though it was rainy.

The Easter Egg Hunt has been postponed until April 6th due to the major snow storm last weekend. Casey has the refreshments and Jen has the stuffed eggs, candy and camera. We will plan to arrive at 8:30 at the F.D. on the 6th to set up and get coffee and cocoa going.

New Business: Jessalyn was contacted by Laurie Field from the Sullivan County Cooperative Extension, the entity in charge of 4-H in our town, to see about Recreation assisting in holding a meeting for the public to attend. Laurie would like to get a 4-H program going in town again. We will update as meeting time, date and location unfold.

Susan Chiarella donated Halloween decorations to Rec. We need to get them into Rec storage.

Memorial Day Remembrance: May 26th at 10:00 a.m. A speaker has been secured, waiting on updates on the KRMS band and Color Guard . Emily will create a flier to use for Facebook, posting at the library and T.O. and other public places as well as giving one to Pixie. We should ask for baked good contributions soon. Jen spoke with Tamara about flags and the presence markers on graves of our veterans for flag placement. We will need volunteers to help place flags before the event.

Summer Celebration: July 12, 13, and maybe 14th?

Jen spoke with possible entertainment. They will get back to her in the next week or two. There will be a square dance in town a couple of weeks before this event that is open to the public. The square dance is being hosted by the family of Billy Huntoon in his memory. After discussing this wonderful celebration of his life, we think holding off on a square dance for this year would be a good idea.

Holding a 'Kick Off' for the Summer Celebration on Friday night with a band and inviting a food vender (Pizza Hero) would be a good plan. With all of the events happening on Saturday, including the Highland Games, moving the music to Friday night might give it more of a spotlight.

We need to advertise right away for vendors for Saturday. Still \$20 a space?

Advertising in the Shopper, Intertown and with Pixie and FB as well as hanging signs in public places about the event should begin in June.

Jen will ask the F.D. and P.D. about help with securing the parade route.

Parade theme poll will be posted on FB by Jess. Some Ideas discussed have been, Summer In Springfield, Water Theme, Agriculture theme, Work Hard Play Hard and Care and Community. Other ideas are welcomed and encouraged.

Jen will check on the Cow Flop and petting animal scoop and check with MVST about lunch vending.

Fire Dept. CHicken BBQ is 5-7

2 childrens events hosted by the library

Kids Games

Venders

Parade

Face Painting?

Anything else for Saturday?

Sunday: Should we have something mellow going on Sunday? Maybe a speaker or slide show and coffee, tea and light snacks. The Historical Society may be a great resource for this.

Next Meeting is April 24th, 6 p.m. in the Protectworth Room

Respectfully Submitted,
Jen Roberts