

Community Events Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2015

Committee Members in Attendance: Les Dion, Christina Goodwin, Hilda Bruno, Chief Steve Yannuzzi

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Secretary's Report

Minutes will be ready for the next meeting in August.

Financial Report

Budget so far is approximately \$8,000 on concerts, \$8500 on Old Home Day and \$500 on the 4th of July Parade.

Events

Concert Update – First concert was great with between 350 and 400 attending. Some items to correct for the next weeks are: need garbage bags, and add no smoking signs to the Park. Christina will check with the Highway Department about the new garbage barrels to make sure they are all out at the Park. Reminders will be given to SNS to bring their own supplies. Next year the band contracts should also have a line about cleaning up by a certain time after the concert ends.

Brochures – There is one more box at the TTCC when the supplies are running low.

Fireworks update – There is still no set date for the fireworks. The Board approved \$2500 from either donations or the budget.

Parade review – The parade has had great reviews publicly and the following items are to be considered:

- The Veterans were marching too quickly along with the lead vehicles, so next year we will make sure that the lead vehicles are slowed down.
- State Police were throwing candy too close to the vehicle. They switched the bike to in front of the car, so there were no incidents with children rushing out to get the candy.
- No sirens or lights on Fire vehicles. They had been asked to not run the sirens but they should have been running the lights.
- There was a lot of throwing candy – too hard to police this but it will continue to be a rule for the parade.
- People were too narrow at the intersection of Pleasant and Lake and had to be moved back. Will check this location next year to make sure there are not issues before the parade starts.
- Had 100 Shackett's ice cream coupons and gave all but three (3) out – this was a good number for next year.
- Gift cards were a huge hit for the winners

- Would like to start thinking about next year's theme early by involving the schools and asking them to come up with a theme. Each grade would submit an entry and then maybe ice cream coupons to the class winner.
- Would like to get more school participation – bands, floats etc.
- Next year the parade will be on Monday, July 4, 2016.
- Flag buckets were a hit and should be continued next year and add other locations closer to bridge and Freudenberg. The buckets are stored at the Highway Department.
- There were 17 cars – great turnout
- Thank you cards will be sent to all participants and volunteers not part of the Committee

Old Home Day

Sub-committee – Activities on the Park are coming together. Would like to offer Popcorn and Cotton Candy to a group to fundraise, such as Baseball, Boy Scouts or Stand Up Newfound. Lions Club will have their food wagon at the event.

Health Fair - It was suggested to call Rebecca Herr from Bone builders to see if they are interested in participating in the Health Fair. The Fire Department will also be participating.

Rain Plan – Advertise the Fire Department's phone number on the poster to contact in case of weather. Les will verify from Firework's company the lead time for having to cancel or reschedule the fireworks. The Sock Hop and Movie will be rain or shine as they can be moved inside. The 5K is a rain or shine event.

Advertising – Will add wording to the poster similar to – “In the event of inclement weather, events will be held at the Old Town Hall and the Tapply-Thompson Community Center. Specific locations for each event will be updated on the websites or call the Fire Department”. Will remove the benefit for the 5K from the posters as we are not certain who is running the 5K yet or what it will benefit.

Other – Christina will call regarding golf carts for the day.

Other

Taste of Newfound is coming up and will be located at Meadow Wind Bed & Breakfast.

Meetings

Regular Committee meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 10:00am and additional as needed.

The next meeting for the Regular Committee is August 5, 2015 at 10:00 am at the TTCC with a follow up meeting on August 26, 2015 to tie up loose ends.

Having no other business to conduct the Community Events Committee was adjourned at 11:30 am.