

Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2016

In attendance: Rich O'Brien, Donna Faulkenberry, Dan Auciello, Jim Curnal, Joe Lanza, Andrew Zaborney, Diane Spiegelhoff, Chris Hill, John Berner

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes from the October meeting: Changes to the minutes were made regarding Youth Basketball, the Radio City bus trip, and the budget. John Berner made a motion to accept the revised minutes. Chris Hill seconded. All were in favor.

COMPLETED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- Trunk or Treat
 - The program was run the same way as it was for the past two years
 - Lots of people, but not enough decorated cars
 - Only 13 cars participated, which was half as many as last year
 - Not enough candy in the cars for everyone
 - The gym was very crowded
 - PTA having students serve pizza was a big hit
 - Halloween being on a school night may have affected turnout
 - Possibly move it to the Saturday or Friday before Halloween
 - However, the Police Department and many parents believe it to be better on Halloween
 - Other events run the week before Halloween as well, will run into conflicts
 - Guest Denise Spicuzzo, the Spotswood PTA community liaison, made suggestions for next year
 - Have cars register to participate
 - Give people incentive to decorate their cars
 - Examples: First to get pizza, a theme to decorate, or a special spot in the lot
 - Have people donate candy, which can then be distributed to the cars if they run out, which has happened to many cars.

STATUS OF ACTIVE PROGRAMS:

- Adult Basketball
 - Everything is running smoothly
- Adult Volleyball
 - No report
- Floor Hockey
 - Issues getting into the building due to new fences around the playground
 - Can no longer enter in the back door because the gates are locked
 - All other doors need to be locked as well- cannot get in any other way
 - The Appleby janitors were given times as to when the gates should be opened
 - Rich O'Brien was given the janitors' phone numbers as well in case they need to be unlocked, he will give number to Chris Hill

- Youth Basketball
 - Around 30 younger kids are participating, which is more than in the past
 - Not enough parents are volunteering to help

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- Radio City Bus Trip
 - 51 tickets have been sold so far
 - Dan is confirming with each person who purchased tickets to make sure the numbers are right before selling the other 2 tickets
 - A board member is needed to go on the trip to carry the AED and collect a tip for the bus driver
 - Bills for the bus and the tickets have been mailed in
 - Tickets were sold to seniors and Spotswood residents
 - 30 seniors are going
 - Seniors were given three weeks to purchase tickets before the general public
 - Next year
 - Can get two buses
 - Can make room in the budget to accommodate this
 - Maybe have the buses go on two different weekends so more people can go
 - Some people may even go twice
 - Start selling tickets 3 weeks earlier to have more people purchase
- Indoor Soccer
 - No report
- Tree Lighting
 - The next subcommittee meeting is to be held November 17 at 7:00
 - The high school boys' soccer and football teams were invited to be honored as they were Blue Division champions
 - Will double check with football Coach Cammarano to see if the football team would like to be announced
 - The advertising will stay as is
 - Teams being there will create a bigger crowd
 - Cindy Zmijewski will dress up as Mrs. Claus to give candy kisses to kids who give her "wishes" to bring to Santa
 - Santa will come on the firetruck
 - The Schoenly School chorus will sing
 - The CUP Pantry will be there to accept donations of non-perishable items
 - Lighting for the Rec Department tent is needed
 - The county can provide overhead lighting and a heated trailer
 - If really cold, the Schoenly kids can use the trailer
 - The military members will again be honored this year
 - There will be a moment of silence
 - There will not be a military booth this year, just pictures scrolling
- Santa Ride
 - It most likely will be held on the 17th of December
 - Normally 2 weeks after the tree lighting
 - John Berner to confirm this

OLD BUSINESS:

- Communications Updates
 - The tree lighting is being advertised now
 - It solicits for local organizations who want to participate in the tree lighting
 - Only 10 organizations are participating as of November 9
 - Flag football registration starts January 1
 - Jim to create flyer to send to Donna to put out
- Rieder Road Update
 - Bond money from the borough was used to finance the project
 - It is almost complete
 - When it is finished, it will be messaged out that it is done
- Elections for 2017
 - Rich O'Brien nominated Donna Faulkenberry for communications liaison, Dan Auciello seconded, all were in favor
 - Donna Faulkenberry nominated Andrew Zaborney for chairman, John Berner seconded, all were in favor
 - John Berner nominated Rich O'Brien for vice chairman, Chris Hill seconded, all were in favor

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget 2017
 - \$50,800 is in the budget this year
 - Budget due November 28
 - Will need more money for flag football and the Radio City bus trip
 - Board members to notify Rich O'Brien if their program needs additional funding
- Member Terms
 - Borough ordinance says the board should have a certain number of members who are turned over after a certain period of time
 - Each member should have a staggered term, however, no one does
 - Each member's term will end December 31, 2016 and they will be reappointed by the mayor for a new term starting January 1, 2017 should they choose to do so
 - Expanding the Board
 - First, the by-laws must be amended
 - Then, they will go through to the borough, who then have to pass an ordinance to accept them
- Donation Policy
 - The Rec Department has donated cash and scholarships to schools in the past
 - For the Spotswood PTA Tricky Tray, the Rec Department donates one free registration
 - Immaculate Conception School wants a free registration to be donated as well
 - Need a donation policy for this
 - Dan will create a subcommittee to meet and create the policy
 - Will explain why some things will be donated to and not others
 - May have a teleconference or can have a meeting at 7:30 on November 30\

- Holiday Dinner
 - The Board members will plan to go out to dinner, maybe Taverna, in January

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:55 p.m. Jim motioned, Rich seconded, and all were in favor.

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