

Meeting Minutes- December 9, 2015

In attendance: Rich O'Brien, Chris Hill, Diane Spiegelhoff, Donna Faulkenberry, Jim Curnal, John Berner

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING: Rich O'Brien asked to waive the reading of the November minutes. John made a motion to accept and Donna seconded. All were in favor.

COMPLETED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- Radio City Bus Trip- Big success.
 - One problem was that there was not a member from the Recreation Department on the bus.
 - This is a potential liability and risk, so in the future at least one representative from the Recreation Department should be on our Bus trips. The representative could rotate and their tickets could be bought in advance.
 - Possibility of a spring trip because of the Radio City Bus Trip success.
 - This could be an opportunity to involve more senior citizens in the community by offering them a pre-sale.
- Tree Lighting- Also a very big success.
 - There was high attendance.
 - Starting the sub-committee and planning earlier than usual really paid off.
 - The earlier start time was also better.
 - We need to get better lighting for our wish booth.
 - Could buy LED lights for next year.
 - Donna suggested adding a specific question for children to answer along with the wish for a gift at the wish booth.
 - Children can answer the question and write down whatever else they wish for.
 - Donna would like to put some of the wishes from this year in a slideshow on Facebook
 - Would just need to blur out the names first.
 - The donuts did not go well this year.
 - There were a bunch of boxes of donuts left over.
 - The hot chocolate went well and was almost gone by the end of the night.

STATUS OF ACTIVE PROGRAMS:

- Adult Basketball- No report.
- Adult Volleyball- Going well.
- Floor Hockey- Going well.
 - Need to buy pinnies and hockey sticks.
- Youth Basketball- Going well.
 - There are over 20 signed up for the program, but not as many come to play.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- Indoor Soccer- Registration closes December 15, 2015.
 - We message one more time for registration before the 15th.
 - Very good amount of kids have signed up already.
- Santa Ride- The Recreation Department will be riding on a firetruck.
 - Chief Genthe said to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday December 19, 2015.
- Flag Football- Registration will be from January 1 - March 1, 2016.
 - We need to start putting together a flyer.
 - Might need to buy footballs and yard markers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- CPR Class- Looking at dates in January.
 - We will send out an email to ask what dates will work for everyone.
- Communications Update: iPod donation drive- 3 iPods and \$95 in gift cards and cash have been donated to SBPA.
 - More people have begun to talk about this program now.
 - There will be a display at the Spotswood High School Winter Band Concert.
- Communications Update Quest for 1000- Currently at 820 members.
- Movie Night- PTA is interested too.
 - Hopefully the event will be January 22, 2016 in the High School cafeteria.
 - January 29, 2016 would be our backup day.
 - Movie decision will be made at the next meeting.
- Holiday Dinner- The dinner will be at Steve's house on January 23, 2016.
 - Each couple should bring \$15, and a dessert and drink.
- Election of Officers- The nominees at the previous meeting were Rich and Steve for Chair and Second Chair, respectively.
 - Rich asked to waive the nominees, Chris motioned and John seconded.
 - Rich O'Brien was elected Chairman and Steve Zmijewski was elected Vice Chairman.
- Budget 2016- 2016 will be a tight budget year.
 - The Recreation Department has asked for a \$49,000 budget for 2016.
- AEDS Purchase- Two AEDS have been purchased and the Recreation Department will have them by early 2016.
- Rieder Road Park Proposal- The town has asked what to do with the basketball courts.
 - They need to decide on whether to have the basketball courts repaired or to just get rid of the basketball court completely and add playground equipment instead.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Academy of Music Coffee House-The Academy of Music wants to meet with the Recreation Department on January 4th.
 - Mostly just message this event for them.
- Skating Rink- The Recreation Department really doesn't have the means to maintain it.
 - Need to message that the skating rink will not be opened.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rich at 8:32 p.m. Chris motioned, John seconded, and all were in favor.

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