



Meeting Minutes: September 13, 2017

In attendance: Bob Hilse, Diane Spiegelhoff, Andrew Zaborney, Rich O'Brien, Donna Faulkenberry, Steve Zmijewski, John Berner, and Paul Wasserman

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM.

Minutes from the August Meeting: Steve Zmijewski made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. John Berner seconded, and all were in favor.

COMPLETED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- Spotswood 5K
 - Problems: There were no police present for the Fun Run
 - Kids don't know to avoid them like the adults do, and without the police it could be dangerous
 - There were police blocking Snowhill, but some cars still came through at the runners
 - Both races seemed less safe than they had in previous years
 - Could also be because of the construction
 - Final Donation: \$960 to the band, and \$650 to the drama club
 - Mrs. Carino-Koza and Mrs. Raczek-Williams were invited to the October meeting to accept the checks
 - Didn't have as many runners this year – had almost no walk-ups
 - The advertising helped
 - Had more online sign-ups than ever before
 - The sound system worked very well, no DJ is needed
 - Next year: Want a better way of starting, like the cannon they have in Milltown

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- Rutgers Coach License Course – September 23rd
 - Only have one person signed up so far, and 2 prospective people
 - Will not hold the class if there is not at least five people
 - Have sent out a lot of advertising – SYBSL, Soccer Club, GBC, emailblast, sent through the registration system, flyers, and Facebook twice

- May not have anything to do with advertising, volunteers to coach are low everywhere
 - May only run it in March from now on
 - Will try again next year, but if it doesn't get enough people again, it will be stopped
- Trunk-or-Treat
 - Will be held on Tuesday, October 31st from 6-8 PM
 - Requested the gym and senior parking lot, not yet approved
 - DJ - Mike from Music and Motion is scheduled for the event
 - Going to buy 55 pizzas from Taverna, which is five more than last year
 - Will let the kids who volunteer have some to eat
 - Will have a REC tent with extra candy to give out
 - Unsure if there will be more or less people because it is a weekday
 - Last year, there was a small turnout of cars, need an incentive to get more people to bring cars this year
 - Will have extra money – will make 4 \$50 baskets for cars to win
 - The car must be decorated and distribute candy to be entered
 - As they walk around to judge the cars for the trophies, they will enter the qualifying cars into the raffle
 - Can put gift cards to the sponsors of the 5K in the baskets to give back to them
 - Will prevent people from coming early by telling anyone who gives out candy to not give it out until 6
 - Can use the sound system or the police's PA to announce what is going on to the people there
 - Can ask Spotswood OEM and Fire Department to come again, brought a light last year
 - The PTA and the Middle Schoolers volunteered to help again
- Radio City Bus Trip
 - The paperwork was all sent in, the tickets will be picked up soon for one bus
 - Will be held on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend
 - Seniors have a presale and \$60 tickets, everyone else has \$65 tickets
- Tree-Lighting
 - Co-chair of committee created to divide the work up
 - John – Chair
 - Rich – Co-chair
 - First sub-committee meeting – Thursday, September 21st at 7 PM
 - 11 weeks until the tree lighting
 - Going to use movie clips and corresponding trivia to project
 - Will only use current pictures, if any

- Will advertise on the High School marquee
- Will get a big sign for the front of the municipal building
 - Want to get concrete in the ground to make the sign more permanent
- Adult Volleyball
 - Began September 13th
 - Already have enough registration forms, don't need anything else
- Adult Basketball
 - Joe has the email account for the program
 - Need to figure out who is going to run it
- Floor Hockey
 - Begins October 2nd
 - The gear for the younger kids is very beat up
 - Will order new ones from Gopher
- Youth Basketball
 - Begins in October
 - Have 6 people signed up so far, need more coaches
 - Flyers were dropped in schools on Friday, September 15th
- Indoor Soccer
 - Registration from October 1st through December 15th
 - Have all the equipment
 - Have 2 returning referees and 2 new ones

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES:

- Advertising for Floor Hockey and Youth Basketball went out the week of September 10th
- Soccer will go out soon
- Guitar Den
 - Have 3 things they do for communities:
 - Jam-e-oke
 - Guitar Lessons
 - Getting bands to play for community events
 - Jameoke:
 - Real-time music session that lasts for 2 hours
 - Everyone brings their guitar on stage and sings certain pieces that Rich provides to them
 - Especially popular when younger kids sing
 - Rich is like the game show host in a way, he runs the whole thing
 - Geared towards adults, but kids come too
 - People sign up on Facebook to join
 - Need a sponsor to donate to the session
 - Rich will charge a flat fee of \$200-225, or sell merchandise at the event

- Lessons
 - Can do \$25 per half hour private lessons or \$15 per kid group lessons
- Guitar Den has worked with the South Amboy and Bloomfield Arts programs before
- May be able to work with Helmetta in the open-air gazebo to run the event

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board Member Updates
 - Bob Hilse is an official member of the board
 - Will have another potential member coming to the next meeting, if he doesn't want to be a part of the board, can advertise it
- New Banner
 - Want to get a new Spotswood REC banner with the Spotswood REC logo on it
 - Will get it with grommets, not pipes, which destroy it
 - Will get an 8' x 8' sign

Donna Faulkenberry made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 PM. John Berner seconded, and all were in favor.