

Fourth of July Committee Minutes 11-01-2023

Meeting opened by Chairman Doug Phelps at 7:02pm. Members present were Judy Perreault, Jennifer Bent, Doug Phelps, Wood Sutton, Jane Slayton, Kevin Goodwin, Donna Smith and Beth Frost.

First business was to review the minutes of the last meeting, 10-04-2023. A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Donna to approve the meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Parade:

Donna has been in contact with Leaping Lena's owner. He is still looking for parts and will communicate back to Donna. He was touched that we wanted to help.

Muchachos - no response yet.

National Guard Band - no response yet. Wood suggested National Guard may have more to offer than just the band. Donna will talk with her contact.

Judy suggested streets/neighborhoods work together on floats. Doug said a Beacon article should be written about this and the prize structure modified to accommodate. More discussion on neighborhood floats to follow.

Market on the Green:

Doug is going to switch Blue Grass bands.

Inflatables on the Green were perfect and we will do the same for 2024.

Food trucks were successful considering the weather and we will continue getting food trucks for 2024.

Doug spoke with someone from Immaculate Conception Church who is interested in bringing back strawberry shortcake for 2024.

Carr Field:

There will be no inflatables on Carr Field for 2024.

Pancake Breakfast:

Doug said the Andover lions have offered the grills and the frialators to the committee. The committee is interested.

Jennifer said Jack and Lily both want to help again and will recruit friends.

Jennifer expressed interest in being totally in charge.

Sausage links not popular. Sausage patties for 2024.

Fundraising:

Betty Adams has offered to work on raffle again. All agreed and appreciate Betty!

Wood said we need more donations from individuals. Doug suggested a Beacon article.

there was discussion of setting out donation cans again this year at local businesses.

Doug will add this to the agenda of an upcoming meeting.

Finances:
Proposed 2024 Budget

Fireworks
\$15,000

Town Green / Market on the Green
\$750 Sound System and Operation
\$500 Band for after the Parade
\$400 Kearsarge Community Band
\$950 Inflatables/Games on the Green
\$2600

Parade Expenses
\$2500 Muchachos Marching Band
\$200 Leapin Leana (if applicable)
\$600 Bekash Mini Cars
\$600 Andover Lions CLub
\$500 Nelson Town Band
\$1075 Parade Prizes
(Super \$500, Grand \$250, 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50
Autos, Other Vehicles, Equestrian 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20)
\$100 postage
\$5575

Fundraising Costs
\$500 Band for Benefit Concert (pay band)
\$200 Signage
\$700

Other Expenses
\$200 Signs
\$200 Parking Attendants
\$500 Photographer
\$500 Leaping Lena (maintenance)
\$1400

\$100 Childrens Parade

\$25,375 TOTAL

A motion was made by Beth and seconded by Jennifer to approve the proposed budget 2024 budget of \$25,375.. All were in favor.

Meetings:

No meetings in December or January.

Holiday party on December 8th at 6:00 at Jennifer's house.

Concord Coach:

Doug reminded the committee that we may need to take the lead in getting the Concord Coach prepped and ready next year and arranging and contracting for the horses.

Authorization:

There was discussion regarding authorization of committee members to make decisions on behalf of the committee. Motion was made by Doug and seconded by Jennifer to authorize committee members to negotiate and/or sign contracts on behalf of the committee. All were in favor.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Doug and seconded by Beth to adjourn at 8:20pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Slayton, secretary