

Andover 4th July Committee Minutes 11/3/21

The meeting opened at 7 PM at the Andover Community Hub. Members present were: Jen Bent, Alita Phelps, Doug Phelps, Judy Perreault, Beth Frost, Betty Adams, Donna Smith, Wood Sutton.

Minutes from the last meeting (10/6/21) were reviewed. Jen made a motion to accept and Donna seconded. All voted in favor to accept.

Wood gave the treasurer report: \$21,775.93 in bank. (He found the missing money from the summer concert that Doug had left at town office for him.)

Doug went to the town Budget Committee and asked for \$10,000 from the town. They approved.

Nothing new on the parade; Donna has sent emails but no replies yet. The Muchachos have already said yes. Wood still plans to contact the steel band.

Doug is working on the Market on the Green. We want lots of food vendors so that we don't run out. Wood wants to see ice cream. Judy suggested we borrow a freezer and have ice cream bars etc. She said the historical society has a small freezer we might be able to borrow; she will check with them. Jen suggested we could keep extra in the school freezer and then shuttle it out to small freezer if need more.

Deposit has been sent for fireworks.

Rick M from Vertical Entertainment came to our meeting to discuss possibilities for the Green and at Carr field. He has basketball (high and low hoops). Younger kids (10 & under) win every time; 11 & older, only the best win. He has plush prizes and inflatables.....no junky prizes. The plush cost \$4.75 ea and the inflatables \$3.75 ea. We need to decide: everyone gets a prize or pay to play.

Here are our choices:

- 1) Obstacle Course. No prizes. It is 31 feet long. Cost \$325 for the day w/no attendant. We would need 2 volunteers to time kids and need a leader board.
Doug moved to do this and Donna seconded. All voted in favor. No charge to do.
- 2) Bullseye Blitz. This is a board with a hole in it. Kids throw plastic balls (like whiffle ball) thru the hole. Cost is \$135-150 for the day. Need a 10x10 space.
- 3) Basketball game....inflatable. Cost \$135-150 for the day.

Doug made motion to have free games; Betty seconded. All voted in favor.

These games will run from about 9 AM to 1 PM. Doug made motion to have both the bullseye and basketball games. Donna seconded. All voted in favor.

After much discussion, we decided to purchase 400 prizes from Rick; 200 would be plush toys at a cost of \$4.75 each (total \$950) and the other 200 would be inflatables at the cost of \$3.75 each (\$750). That comes to a total of \$1,700. The game costs are: \$325 for the Obstacle Course; \$150 for Basketball; \$150 for Bullseye.....a total of \$625. Adding prizes to game costs and we have a total of \$2,325. Beth made a motion to spend \$2,325 to rent the three games/course and have prizes for the two games. Alita seconded it. 7 voted in favor, 1 voted against. The "ayes" have it!

Rick will also have a booth to sell novelty items on the Green and also at night at Carr Field. He has a 10x20 tent. On Carr Field, he will set up the novelty tent....maybe the basketball game as a pay to play. He needs power. Also, Rick does NOT want any competition. We agreed. Discussed the man who shows up every year uninvited. Rick knows him; Doug will call him (name is Bryson/Hibert) and tell him he is NOT invited. Rick wont do at Carr Field if he comes.

A rock wall is also an option from Rick.

Doug will email Rick with all of the above so he can confirm and we have in writing.

Raffle. Betty has long list and gave most (will give more before she leaves for FL) to Judy, who will make a board so she can sell tickets at town meeting.

Booklet/ads. Jen will pass out lists to us at the next meeting.

Delicious refreshments were brought by Betty.....cookies and yummy cupcakes! She also passed out Christmas gifts to all!

Next meeting will be supper at Jen's on Friday, December 10th!

Meeting adjourned at about 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Frost, Secretary