

4TH JULY COMMITTEE MINUTES 3/1/23

The meeting opened at 7 PM. Members present were Jen B., Jane S, Donna S, Doug P, Adam R and Beth F. Guest was Ron Evens from the Andover Lions Club.

The minutes from 2/1/23 were looked over. Jen made a motion to accept them and Jane seconded. All voted in favor to accept the minutes.

Ron Evans came to talk about the Pancake Breakfast stating that it will definitely take place this year but asking for help. The club is dying and they do not have many members....especially ones who can help with the breakfast. Ron said they need 12-15 workers from 6 AM to 1 PM....7 or 8 on the floor and then others to clean up after. Jen said that the softball people would take over the breakfast if the Lions feel they can't. Or they would perhaps help if the Lions would split the profits. Ron will ask the Lions members but he feels they are in need of all the profits for their club since this is now their only fundraiser and they need funds to pay bills. Someone will need to order supplies. Ron did say that they have a sister/club in Franklin and that there is a woman who attends from Concord who might head this up. He will be attending the Lions meeting on the 2nd Monday of March and will get info for us. Doug suggested he come to our next meeting and Ron agreed.

Also, Ron said that the horses for the stagecoach will cost more this year...\$600. Beth made a motion to agree to pay for them and Jen seconded it. All voted in favor.

Doug reported that Naughty Nellie will sell ice cream on the Green and will pay the non profit fee.

Doug has been trying to get the Cheese food truck for the 4th. He reached Princeton Cheese truck on 2/8; they replied yes they would come but all emails since have not been answered. Jen suggested trying another one called Koda's Grill at 603-630-2713 (kodadogfarm@gmail.com). Doug will try them.

Keith Barrett will take care of the sound on the Green.

No to the Reggae band; they thought we were in Andover, New York!

Shawna sent an email that she has no commitments yet from any non-profits.

No report from Kevin regarding Dot and candy/cotton candy etc on Green & Carr Field.

Jen reported that the art teacher will add some of the school kids' art projects to our program booklet. Also, Matt's band will play at the benefit concert on June 8th. Nick's Other Band can't be there but Doug's band, Diamond Special will be there.

Our balance in our account is \$17,874.51 (reported by Jen for Wood).

Parade Status: So far four parade participants have said yes...Nelson Town Band, Kearsarge Community Band, Mini cars (Bektash), and Muchachas. Donna will talk with Michelle about helping w/parade lineup (Mike has cancer). Donna will send out float letters in March and will call Leapin Lena. Doug will email Rachel at Proctor about golf carts again. Donna will confirm Smoky Bear w/Steve Barton.

Green Activity: So far Bow Junction has said yes. Yes to inflatables....no prizes as we have lots left. Doug will speak w/Rick about this. Jen will check into finding singers from school. (Beth thinks we should not ask the ladies as last year Nancy Tripp said she thought we should use younger singers; she did sing a medley under protest.) Herbie will take care of delivery and removal of the trash barrels. Byrons will do the porta potties. Herbie wants to do the corn-hole again either on Carr Field during the day or later after 3 on the Green. We will not be involved. Shawna is in charge of kids games. Adam's kids might be able to do the bell ringing even tho they are planning a family float. Citizenship? Can ride in coach again.

Donna said that she will speak with our new town administrator about getting parade permit from the state.

Program status: Maybe some more history as added content...and kids artwork and/or old 4th articles spaced thru out so not so boring. Adam & Doug will look thru old articles.

Beacon articles: Jen has done one about the theme. Jane is doing one about Uncle Sam and will also ask for volunteers for the pancake breakfast.

Fundraising plans: We will sell raffle tickets during the day of town meeting. Doug will set up a table for us. Ad sales for program will be same prices. Lynn is working on our sponsors (we got \$1,000 from Bellettes). Other sponsors received are \$300 Kearsarge Chamber of Commerce, \$300 from Proctor and \$300 from Andrews Construction.

Doug has reserved the 20x30 gent from Belletetes (which they donate).

Inflatable on Carr Field: 2 will be paid by sponsors (Jen and Kevin). A motion was made by Jen for our committee to pay for one of three inflatables; Donna seconded and all voted in favor. Alita is looking for bigger glow sticks.

We need to notify the police and fire department that our rain date is Saturday after the 4th which is July 8th. In that case, the floats will be on display in the school parking lot. Vendors on the Green and fireworks.

We discussed dedication people and came up with a few suggestions: Bill Leber (& Marge?), Charlie Darling, Bill Bates. We'll talk more.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Respectfully submitted, Beth Frost, Sec'y

