

4th July Committee Minutes 4/5/23

Meeting opened at 7:03 PM in the Hub. Members present were Donna S, Jane S, Kevin G, Jen B, Adam R, Doug P and Beth F. Guests were Ron and Judy Evans.

Minutes from 3/1/23 were looked over. Motion was made by Donna to accept and seconded by Jen. All voted in favor to accept the minutes.

Ron & Judy came to talk about the pancake breakfast. Bill Leber is in poor condition and cannot help. Ron has called Bruce Locke regarding the horses to pull the stagecoach in the parade three times and left messages. Waiver forms need to be signed; the Lions meet on 4/11 and Ron will get them signed. Ron spoke with Jen on the phone before tonight's meeting and she told Ron that she will take over the breakfast; she will be the only person in charge. Ron will sit down with her and make a list of needs. Doug Bent will run one grill and Brad Hardy will run the other. If Jen has to recruit helpers from the baseball group, they will be given 20% of the profits; the rest will go to the Lions. Adam will make signs. It will be called the Lion's Breakfast. Ron will call Doug after the meeting on the 11th. Judy offered to help us where needed on the 4th. Doug suggested she help w/the kids games (inflatable).

Adam suggested doing an article for the Beacon about the stagecoach and its history and also put it in the program, Adam & Doug will work on this.

Food Truck: Koda's is busy on the 4th, but her brother is setting up a truck and he will come on the 4th. He will pay us \$60 and Doug will ask him to go easy on the fees for food he's selling. It is a grilled cheese truck.

Kevin is also still looking into more food trucks. There is a lady in New London who does fried pickles.

Doug will send a note to Rick to confirm three inflatables on the Green: Obstacle Course, Basketball Toss and 4-way Bounce House. Also three on Carr Field: 3-way Bounce House, Axe Throwing and slide. We will man those on Carr Field.

Donna said that she had met two girls from MV who play in the band. They said they would love to be in the 4th parade. They were going to ask the school (?) about it.

TO DO's Follow UP:

Adam is still working on old Beacon articles to put in the program.

Donna spoke with the new town administrator about the parade permits. Doug suggested that she email Kimberly in May to confirm.

Fire and Police have been notified of the rain date.

Donna still has not been able to contact Mike and/or Michelle about parade line up. Shawna not at meeting so no news on Facebook appeal for nonprofits to sell food.

Kevin reported that Dot doesn't want to sell candy.

Jen has talked with art teacher at school and she will get kids to do projects for the booklet

AGENDA:

Parade theme is Red, White and Blue

Financial Status: We are in good shape. We have \$17,874.51 in account plus \$400 more that has come in.

Parade Status: A couple new antique vehicles and an awesome band. We agreed to pay \$600 towards the stagecoach. Animals: Renee will do the oxen again and she'll get 4-H kids to also take part. Adam's kids might bring their goats.....and piglets? He will do signs again.

Activity on the Green:

Band all set.

Inflatables all set.

Music teacher trying to get someone to sign (Star Spangled Banner, Flag Raising ??)

Doug and Adam have begun working.

Trash barrel delivery and removal all set...Herbie Barton will do.

Port a Potties all set.

Recycle containers.....Can't find but looking.

Program Status:

Adam is working on additional content (archives and coach)

Kids artwork - being done

No response yet from Steve regarding his help again this year. Howard (owner of the Shopper) has said he will do it if Steve can't.

Dedication Candidates: Beth made a motion and Donna seconded to dedicate to Bill & Marge Leber. All agreed. Jane will write it.

Beacon Articles:

Jen did one about the theme

Jane did one about Charlie (Uncle Sam).

Adam will do one about the stagecoach

Jane will do an article about the concert in June....about Matt Bent's band and Doug's

Fundraising Plan:

Raffle - we did well selling tickets during voting (over \$200)

Ad sales - we will have kick-off next month. Jen will check with Christine.

Sponsorships - Lynn is making fantastic progress

Carr Field:

Inflatables - two will be paid for by sponsors (Doug and Kevin)

Glow Sticks - Alita not having good luck; too pricey. Adam will see if he can find some

Bill Bates has said that he will not be doing the strawberry shortcake this year but Doug will double check. If not, then we'll offer it to someone else.

What food on the Green: Ice cream from Naughty Nellie; Grilled Cheese Food Truck; Fried Dough; cotton candy; snowmobile club grinders.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM,

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Frost, Sec'y