

4th July Committee Minutes 5/3/23

Meeting opened at 7 PM at the Andover Hub. Present were: Doug Phelps, Adam Rand, Beth Frost, Donna Smith, Betty Adams, Jane Slayton, Kevin Goodwin, Wood Sutton, Jen Bent, and guest, Janet Moore. (Ron Evans also stopped by quickly to give info regarding the Lions Club Breakfast to Jen.)

Janet Moore came to represent the Andover Libraries. They want to be sure that they place an ad in our 4th booklet. Also, they are planning a mini golf tournament fundraiser for July 1, 2 & 3. It will be thru the aisles of the Andover Library and out into the parking lot. People/groups will sponsor a hole. This is a fundraiser to benefit renovations on the Bachelder Library in East Andover. Since we, as a committee, cannot sponsor a hole, Doug suggested that any of us who would like to donate could give as a group (Friends of the Library). Janet asked that we reserve the parking area near the library steps at the children's entrance/exit.

Adam spoke next. His family plans to have two parade entries. Jen gave him registration forms. Also, he will do signs for: parking, the breakfast (3 big ones), livestock behind the school (3 signs), Carr Field inflatable (2....one w/Kev's logo); Stop sign at parade line-up at Field House, free live concert in June (3 big). He will bring samples to the next meeting. Kevin will give him more cardboard. Also, he has found a couple old Beacon articles regarding the 4th but having trouble w/archives before 2004. He will add a few to the 4th booklet. Jen said she needs them by May 26th. Adam will send what he finds to Jen. He will also help Doug w/vendor set up and told Betty he will donate 4 items to the raffle.

Jen brought up the subject of next year not having the booklet. It is very expensive and a really hard job to coordinate. Everyone here agreed with her. Very costly and we don't make a lot on them. We don't want to burn our sponsors out! Also, Jen gets very stressed as she doesn't hear from "Beacon Steve" in a timely fashion....it's been 9 days since she last emailed him with no reply. He did assure her that he will do the booklet layout, but it is very stressful. It's too late to stop the booklets for this year. We can do paper handouts next year (as we do anyway).

AGENDA SHEET

Donna: Mike and Michelle will do the parade line-up again! She's still trying to find the girls from MV who wanted to have their marching band in the parade; she thinks this won't happen.

Shawna: Not here. Not much new on FB.

Kevin: No word yet from the Fried Pickle vendor. He'll check again.

Jen: No commitment from the music teacher so she will ask two 7th grade girls to sing. Also, hasn't heard back from Steve about the booklet layout.

Minutes from April were approved Doug made a motion to accept and Donna seconded it. All voted in favor.

Pancake Breakfast: Jen has things under control. Gail and Wood will sell tickets. Jen's mom will work in the kitchen. Ron gave her a list of people. He will provide maple syrup. We authorized Jen to buy necessities and turn in receipts to get reimbursed. (Beth: ask Joan Ryan to help)

Financial Status: About the same...roughly \$19,000.

Parade Status: Responses for parade participants are starting to come in. Mike & Michelle will help with the lineup. We agreed to pay \$600 toward the Concord Coach. Rene is working with the 4-H group but no facts yet. Sad news: No Muchachos this year!! They got another engagement that they couldn't turn down; but will come back next year. Donna is looking for another marching band.

Activity on the Green: 22 vendors registered so far. Band is all set. Inflatables all set...three of them: Obstacle course, basketball toss and bounce house (4 way combo).

Recycle containers....haven't located yet. Adam might bring goats and piglets. Still trying to find someone to do the strawberry shortcake as the Catholic Church is not doing. Food: grinders, grilled cheese, fried dough, cotton candy, ice cream (Naughty Nellie), drinks, snow cones....so far. Maybe there will be some breakfast foods (Jane will ask Patty Pond from Proctor).

Program/booklet Status: As previously noted, this is killing Jen! She passed out the ad folders and explained. She needs them back by May 26. Jen will try to get a few of the kids' artwork. Still waiting on Steve. Jane is working on the dedication (the Lebers).

Beacon Articles: We need an article for the June issue. List the library book sale etc. Doug will send a band picture (his band) to Shelley. Adam did a great article for the May issue about the Concord Coach. Jane will do an article about the concert and note there will not be food or drinks sold there.

Fundraising: Betty working on raffle items. Lynn is making progress with sponsorships.

Carr Field: Herbie is planning a corn hole tournament again; it will be next to Closest to the Pin. We are not involved with it at all! No prize \$; maybe a scholarship set up in grandson's name. There will be 3 inflatables (two paid by sponsors): a bounce house 4 way combo or more?, single ax throwing, and 21 foot slide.

Also, Alita has found some glow sticks; Doug brought to show us. We all agreed they will be good. Food: Kev will be doing the Dole Whip. Maybe popcorn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Frost, Sec'y