

Kensington Recreation Committee

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, October 12, 2016
Call to order at 7:00 pm

Attending

Donna Carter, Member (Absent)
Leslie Del Sesto, Member
Holly McCann, Member
Jeanne Waldron, Liaison to Kensington Congregational Church

Discussion

1. Holiday Stroll

The date was set for the Holiday Stroll. Sunday November 27th 5pm. Starts at the park. Continues on to the library, school, Town hall, and then finally at the Congregational Church with a living crèche. Holly to ask Batchelder's for the wagons – same as last year. Mr & Mrs. Claus – Donna? Church will have giving tree there. Donna will bring song books.

2. Halloween Party 2016

Event Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016
Event Start/End Time: 5 pm – 9 pm
Location: Alnoba, Kensington

Set up will be Saturday morning of the event. Need volunteers from Rec Committee

Carol Cray/Pinnacle will handle acquiring porta-potty, assembly permit, and bonfire permit. They will arrange for tent rental, staging area, and tables for refreshments. No police detail is required. Carol needs to get fir permit for the property that evening and check to see if need the Fire Dept engine on site or on call.

This year, event will include a “walk through the woods” designed along the existing ropes course. From 5 – 7 pm it will be staged for younger children, after 7 pm it will take on a “scary stroll” flavor for the older children. Dave Hersey, part time Kensington police dept employee has volunteered to coordinate the design and delivery of this added feature. Dave Macek assisting per Donna Carter.

Alnoba to have ATVs to assist with guests who need walking assistance. Guests will be brought by tractor/hay cart to the top of Clem's field from the main parking lot. They will walk a short distance through the woods to the Big Field where the tent and bonfire will be. Alnoba will contact Batchelders to get the tractor/hay wagons arranged. Those who wish to take the scary stroll will walk past the bonfire and proceed to get in line to stroll through the ropes course where the stroll will take place.

Carol asked about additional volunteers to assist the scary stroll. Per Donna Dave Macek from Adult Softball League will provide volunteers as scarers. Donna gave Carol correct information for Macek so he can coordinate with Hersey. Set up will begin on Thursday 10/27 and continue all the way up to the event. Carol asked question about who might help with the parking. Harold Bragg provided helpers last year.

Other activities for the event will include a DJ (Arranged by Carol/Pinnacle, a Candy Hunt & goodie bags (coordinated by Leslie), a Costume Parade (coordinated by Donna), and refreshments. Leslie will purchase/coordinate the candy, bracelets, and goodie bags. Tarps for area 20' x 40'. Holly will get these.

Costume Parade: The Rec Committee will provide the judges and monetary prizes. Pinnacle will provide roping to set up the parade route and will create a barrier for spectators so that there is adequate room for the activity. Donna will take care of the cash prizes. Holly will coordinate with Donna for the costume judges.

Advertising Flyers & Banner: Donna has the flyer info on her computer. Jodi got banners from Banners.com. Discussion about where flyers and banners would be placed (Farm, school sign board, town hall, library, etc) Holly will check with KES and the Town to see if we can use their advertising venues.

Food: The Farm will sell some healthy hot dishes, and will provide cider and free water from a tap. The Rec Committee will provide apples, sugar cookies, Munchkins, cider urn, and all the paper products needed to go along with the food/beverages.

Holly acquired 20 bales of hay from Batchelders for \$70. Bill was sent to Kathy Felch for payment. Donna/Holly will locate tarps to cover hay and find judges for costume parade. Pinnacle is making sure we have a megaphone for coordination of activities and announcements. Need spotlights for the Candy Hunt.

Old Business:

2017 Budget: Selectmen would like to have our proposed budget to review. No further discussion at this meeting.

Revisit insurance rider or form of available coverage for our events where want some equipment or bouncy house. Donna spoke to Selectmen at a September meeting. No further discussion at this meeting.

Next Rec Committee Meeting at Town Hall Auditorium, November 9, 2016 – 7 pm. Adjourned 7:45 pm.