

# **Kensington Recreation Committee**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, August 23, 2016  
Call to order at 5:00 pm

## **Attending**

Donna Carter, Member  
Leslie Karp Del Sesto, Member  
Holly McCann, Member  
Jeanne Waldron, Liaison to Kensington Congregational Church  
Carol Cray, Director of LFF Program Operations, Pinnacle Ltd

## **Discussion**

### **Halloween Party 2016**

Event Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016  
Event Start/End Time: 5 pm – 9 pm  
Location: Pinnacle Center, 22 Cottage Road, Kensington

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

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. Do we need the Fire Dept engine on site or on call????  
Need to speak to the Selectmen regarding insurance issues, if any.

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 “scarey 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.

Current proposal is to have event visitors part at the designated parking lots and be ferried to the field/tent location which serves as the central location with the bonfire pit. Pinnacle will contact Batchelders to get the tractor/hay wagons arranged. Those who wish to take the scarey stroll will walk short distance through woods to the beginning of the course (which makes a complete circle). We discussed the need for golf carts to ferry handicap passengers and those who cannot walk the distance to the stroll site. Pinnacle will provide the gold carts.

Carol asked about additional volunteers to assist and oversee the scarey stroll. Donna will contact Dave Macek from Co-Ed Softball League to see if they will assist. If yes, she will put Carol in contact with Dave so she can coordinate Macek and Hersey in the planning.

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.

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 the costume judges.

Advertising Flyers & Banner: Donna has the flyer info on her computer. Leslie will look into 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 will check around and acquire 20 bales of local hay. 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.

### **Upcoming Church Events (Jeanne)**

9/11/16 is First Responder Sunday Service celebration.

9/10/16 Church will send two boxes to Zimbabwe via NH UCC Conference. They need peanut butter, dried milk powder, common household medications such as aspirin, cold med, antibiotic ointment, etc. 9/7 is the latest date to submit to church. Contact Jeanne by phone to arrange for drop off. They will also have a newsletter article on this.

### **Old Business:**

2017 Budget: Selectmen would like to have our proposed budget to review.

Park Trustees are looking for new “wants” at Park. Suggestions included:

- Outdoor water bubbler
- Ice skating rink
- Ramp in the skateboard area
- Water pad for kids to play in

Revisit insurance rider or form of available coverage for our events where we want some equipment or bouncy house. Donna to speak to Selectmen at next meeting.

Christmas Stroll is next event for Rec Committee. Need to determine date and establish to do list.

Recap of Town Festival: Weather was factor for fireworks but cannot cancel them after set up. Need to make the “call” by noonish. Food was great but more costly than Committee would prefer. Next year, not provide free drinks. People can bring their own drinks or we can open concession so people can buy them. Maybe just provide water.

Next Rec Committee Meeting at Library, September 14, 2016 – 7 pm. Adjourned 6:45 pm.