

Kensington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2014
Time: Meeting start at 7:00
Location: Donna Carter Reality
Attendees: Leslie Del Sesto, Janet Bunnell, Donna Carter, Sarah Hoffmaster, Jeff Gleason
Guest: Susan Felch
CC: Carol Cray

Business Discussions:

1. New Committee member, Jeff Gleason has been sworn in.

2. Halloween Party follow up:

Rec Committee comments:

- a. Haunted Hayrides – lighting and electricity were an issue for Jeff. Also, next year need stakes with construction tape to make rows for people to line up for carts.
- b. Food – all good
- c. costume contest – all good
- d. goodie hunt – need bigger tarps to make a larger area and need to use the bull horn to be heard over the crowd.
- e. DJ – all good
- f. Bonfire – all good.
- g. clean up – all good

Pinnacle Comments:

- a. flyer should include: rain date if determined to have one, food available to purchase, zero tolerance for alcohol to the family event
- b. more organized costume parade; every participant should receive something (ex. Sticker, lollipop, something small)
- c. It was a miss not having food during dinner time ; next year farm can sell food like at other Farm events for no profit, just what it actually cost plus we can offer popular Farm items for sale (that are mobile) to benefit Sawyer Park
- d. start hayrides earlier; 3 hay carts was absolutely fine
- e. free food/gift card to Farm for scarers and other key volunteers
- f. more support to Jeff Gleason (a lot was left for him to figure out/do)
- g. clear day-of agenda; committee arrival time, who's doing what, what the layout should be, etc.
- h. Big Field layout; I prefer this location as its near fire pit, easy on/off tractor ride, tent there, etc.

3. Senior Social follow up:

- a. food – perfect amount
- b. attendance – all who attended had fun!

4. American Legion is hosting their annual Holiday Fair on 11/22/14 from 9am to 3pm. Santa arrives at 1PM for a visit and photos. There will be mostly handmade crafts, crafts, and baked goods.

5. Holiday Hayride with Caroling & Tree Lighting – The recreation committee is planning on collaborating with the library, KCC, police, and fire to do a stroll / tree and building lighting on 11/30. Start at the park at 5PM. We would start at the park and light the tree, do a haycart ride stopping along the way at the Library, Grange, FD, KES, Universals Church, Town Hall, and ending at the Congregational Church with refreshments and “live cresh”!
- a. Haycarts – we have two confirmed
 - b. Signs – Jodi to order the 2 signs
 - c. Donna will coordinate with different stop locations (songs, snacks, times, lights, etc.)
 - d. Snacks at church coffee, tea, cocoa. Jodi will bring paper products and cups. All will contribute baked goods. Leslie to purchase small waters.
 - e. Live cresh – all set
 - f. Donna to find out if the bathrooms at the park can be closed down for winter after our event.
 - g. Mrs & Mrs Claus are confirmed for the fire station.
 - h. We have a large stack of Holiday song books all set.
 - i. Sarah to contact PTO, school for marquee, Lynne for town website, Noreen for eNews, and the library for their marquee.
 - j. Sarah to contact Todd Thurlow about playing the guitar while we sing and drive in the haycarts.
 - k. Giving Tree – The church will have their giving tree set up. This tree provides holiday gifts for 5 Kensington Families in need.
5. Family Ski Trip – Lisa Perault (Boswell) Update: Donna spoke with the Selectmen and has worked out a way to get checks for the bus company and the ski mountain a few days before the event. The first ski trip will be Monday January 19th – which is a day off from school to observe Martin Luthur King Day.
6. Next meeting is our regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday December 10, 2014 at 7PM at Donna Carter Realty.