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Recreation Committee Minutes
Thursday, December 1, 2011
7:30 pm
Brooklyn Community Building

Jill Van Den Eng called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm. Jill Van Den Eng, Dorothy Frandy, Helen McCord, Tari Lust, Stacey Hardy, Stacy Wolfe, Brit Springer and Ginger Valiska were in attendance. Also in attendance were Nadine Walsten and Steve Lust.

Frandy made a motion to approve meeting minutes from November 4, 2011. Wolfe seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

The committee reviewed the budget and set terms for handling the money box. A minimum amount will be kept in it to make change and the chair will hold the key.

Website updates were discussed. Van Den Eng will ask the office to put the holiday light contest on the main page. Van Den Eng admitted having trouble with Facebook. Doing updates are easy, but linking the page to like pages is hard. Brit Springer offered to help.

The ice rink is installed. The committee is concerned about maintenance. Snow was not removed from the ice rink last year. The surface became uneven and needed water added to refreeze as a smoother surface. The committee will ask Public Works to put the issue on their agenda and attend the meeting to discuss.

Valiska asked if the committee wanted to build a shelter at the rink to block wind and offer a place for users to warm up. Concerns were raised that the shelter would be misused. Lights would be good. The committee put up lights last year. They may still be there.

Van Den Eng read the Recreation Committee mission statement. No changes were suggested. Walsten said it would be helpful to create goals for the committee. The goals could be a list of committee events.

The deadline for the holiday light decoration contest is December 15. Committee members have not seen many decorated houses in the community. A question was raised

about who was eligible. The committee will limit it to residences in the village limits. Visa gift cards will be given as prizes. Winners will be notified by mail or a delivered note and prizes will be presented at the January 9 Village Board meeting. Committee members are encouraged to take pictures of prize winning displays.

Movie night is Dec. 3. Zookeeper is the movie. Hardy, Frandy and Van Den Eng are scheduled to work. Valiska has some extra movie signs to put around town.

Holiday Helping Day is also on Saturday, Dec. 3. Valiska has 14 children registered, but expects more to register at the door. Holiday crafts and games are planned for the event.

Get Fit exercise classes this fall have raised \$540 the first six weeks. The additional four-week session raised \$200 with drop in fees still coming in. There are two more classes on December 8 and December 22. Lust will plan more classes next fall.

Van Den Eng is meeting with Amy Miller from the Oregon School District to talk about collaborating on projects. Some things to discuss: attendance for their exercise classes, collaborating with the 5K, offer gym for use for some Community Education programs, initiatives that address childhood obesity.

Van Den Eng has talked to Scott Lein and would like to make better use of the stage for plays or presentations. Walsten warned that the acoustics are not good in the gym.

Valiska is planning on doing an activity for teens in February that would include ping pong, air hockey, other games and healthy snacks. Wolfe suggested she have participants RSVP to give Valiska an idea of the interest in the event. Distributing flyers to Brooklyn students could be a challenge at the middle school.

The committee accepted the resignation of Helen McCord. She has been on the committee since it was founded in 1992. She is proud of what the committee has accomplished and the energy of members.

New member Rebecca Fensterman has a conflict on the first Thursday of the month. Van Den Eng asked if the committee wants to change meeting dates to accommodate. Thursday nights are the best night for most committee members. The committee will meet the fourth Thursday of the month starting in January and see how it goes.

Walsten suggested collaborating with the Oregon Youth Center. Wolfe said she has tried to coordinate something for the Summer Youth Recreation program, but the partnership didn't work.

Hardy made a motion to adjourn at 9:25. Lust seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.