

Village Of Brooklyn

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Recreation Committee Minutes
February 3, 2011 6:30 p.m.
Brooklyn Community Building

Jill Van Den Eng called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Jill Van Den Eng, Helen McCord, Ginger Valiska, Dorothy Frandy, Stacy Wolfe and Janeen Podgorski were in attendance. Sue McCallum was present as a special guest.

Jill Van Den Eng made a motion to approve meeting minutes from January. Helen McCord seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Sue McCallum informed the committee about a craft show put on last fall by village residents. This craft show was initiated when the Recreation Committee stopped doing a craft show. It was held at the end of October in the Town Hall. McCallum said it was successful and proceeds were donated to charity.

Organizers wish to continue this craft show. The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce has agreed to sponsor the craft show. The Chamber's role is one of support. The Chamber does not benefit from its sponsorship.

Van Den Eng asked if a partnership was possible. The committee had been revisiting the idea of starting the craft show again. Organizers of this craft show are looking for a bigger venue. McCallum reported that organizers would not have the craft show in the community building because of a conflict when trying to book the building.

Frandy will call the organizers of the craft show for more information.

Budget was discussed. There has been some question about where committee fundraising money goes at the end of the year. The committee wishes to keep a balance that carries over from year to year. Monies from fundraising have been put back in the general fund.

The Finance Committee reviewed fundraising and expenditures by the recreation committee over the last five years and identified \$3,216.38 in fundraising money for the

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committee to use on park equipment or other expense. This money will remain in the special fund until the committee finds a suitable project for it.

Podgorski discussed the budget worksheet started by the committee to better track our expenses and improve communication with the village clerk. Committee members were told to make a copy of receipts, write the account code on the receipt to indicate which budget line item the money should come from and submit to McCord.

February Family Fun Night is on Saturday, February 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. Valiska reported that 10 children were currently registered. She is prepared to have as many as 30. Some have registered at the last minute in the past.

Valiska has five adult volunteers and four teenagers to help. This free event will include a multitude of Valentine crafts, pizza, games and prizes.

Frandy, Wolfe and Van Den Eng committed to making cupcakes for the event.

Family Movie Night is on Saturday. The movie is The Princess and the Frog. Van Den Eng called to reserve the movie at the Mobil Station. Additional snacks should be purchased before the movie.

Avatar was the January movie. McCord said she felt it was too old for Family Movie Night and the committee should seek to have movies geared for a younger audience in the future.

March 5 will be the last movie of the season. The movie is Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel.

Summer Youth Recreation was discussed. Wolfe had several questions to discuss.

Should we limit the number of kids? Discipline was a problem during last summer's program. One lead and one part-time helper did not seem adequate to maintain order with the 50 kids who signed up for the program.

Van Den Eng recalled in discussions with the director last year of problems reported from kids going to the program from Heart of Brooklyn daycare. The committee questioned the ethics of parents paying for a community program on top of daycare expenses. The director of the youth program reported having to call the daycare to pick up kids for misbehavior.

Twelve kids were enrolled in the Summer Youth Recreation program through the Heart of Brooklyn daycare. The committee decided to sit down with Heart of Brooklyn employees and request a teacher from Heart of Brooklyn accompanies the kids to the program. The committee does have a partnership with Heart of Brooklyn to share field trip costs. A meeting may help iron out these differences.

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Wolfe will start advertising for the position as director of the Summer Youth and one or two secondary employees at MATC, Craigslist, Oregon High School. The pay scale for the lead will be increased a bit as budget allows.

Summer Music Series was discussed. Podgorski, who initiated and fostered the Summer Music series announced she is leaving the committee. Her vitality and ideas will be missed. Podgorski suggested someone volunteer to take over the summer music series, or donate the monies to continue the fireworks in Brooklyn.

Frandy suggested she take the idea of donating the money for fireworks to the board to see if there is a cooperative effort to continue having fireworks in the Village of Brooklyn.

The committee will vote on whether or not to keep the Summer Music Series in Podgorski's absence in March.

Van Den Eng made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Wolfe seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

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