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Recreation Committee Minutes
Thursday, March 7, 2013 – 7:00 pm
Brooklyn Community Building

Jill Van Den Eng called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Jill Van Den Eng, Tracie Meyer, Stacey Hardy, Dorothy Frandy and Brit Springer were in attendance. Sheri Maass was also in attendance.

Frandy made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Springer seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

The budget was reviewed. There is no line item for Craft Show. Expenses for this event will come out of advertising and recreation expenses.

The last Family Movie night was on March 2 with the showing of The Odd Life of Timothy Green. Twelve people came to the show, which is a smaller turnout than other month's shows. This could be due to less advertising. It was not on the LED sign and banner and sandwich board signs were not out to advertise the event. Concession sales were strong at \$18.75.

Summer Youth Recreation positions have been posted and resumes are coming in. Van Den Eng will be scheduling interviews at the end of March and in April. The last two years, the program had one lead and two assistants. It has operated with one lead and one assistant, which means more hours for the assistant, but no backup in case of illness.

Registration forms are being created for Summer Youth Recreation and will be available on the website.

Dime a Dip is coming on May 2. Hardy is putting together calling lists to be distributed in April.

The second annual Rec Run is coming on June 8. Race time is earlier this year, starting at 8 am. Hardy is looking at timing equipment, which varies in price. The timer lets runners see the time it takes them to complete the race. It can also be used for Zumba classes and volleyball tournaments during the EMS Labor Day celebration.

Hardy will continue looking at timing equipment and come back with proposals. The committee set a tentative budget of \$600 or less for this item.

Registration forms for the Rec Run are being created and will be available on the website.

Fourth of July planning is underway. Fireworks administrator Dan Dean has a contract. He has requested a higher budget for 2014. This may be contingent on donations from the community. Letters were mailed in February to local businesses. Donation cans are being assembled and will be placed throughout the community.

New children's activities will be introduced this year, including a duck pond, bean bag toss and face painting.

Registration forms for vendors and crafters are coming in for the craft show. The committee discussed creating flyers for this event to post in Brooklyn and surrounding communities. An advertisement in the newspaper is also being considered. The craft show will be on November 9.

Springer revamped the Brooklyn Recreation website, adding new pop ups, a slide show and fresh graphics. In the last month, there were 184 visits to the website, 118 were new users. The Facebook page got five new likes and is being regularly updated.

Spring is here and committee members should look at what is needed in the parks. Some ideas are a table and umbrella and/or another piece of play equipment at Water Tower Park, new ramps in the skate park and play equipment for older children in Legion Park.

Maass showed interest in joining the committee. She has connections to the Oregon community and would be an asset to the committee. Frandy made a motion to bring Sheri Maass onto the Brooklyn Recreation committee. Meyer seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Hardy made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm. Meyer seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.