

Borough of Park Ridge
Minutes of the Recreation and Cultural Committee
September 28, 2015
7:30 PM

Present at Meeting:

Steve Masson, Lyn Beer, Tom Hoskins, Michael Raia, Rob Nicolich, Laurie Wharton, Jason Roth, Paul Scarduffa, Andy Deutch, Liz Falkenstern, Steve Hopper (This meeting date was changed by the Chairman to due to Back To School Night conflicts this month.)

Review of Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by a motion of Lyn B. and seconded by Rob N. There was a brief discussion relating to the Minutes as Kelley O. suggested that a new secretary be appointed to take the Recreation Committee Minutes. There was a Motion made by Lyn B. and seconded by Michael R. to have Liz F. take the Minutes at this meeting and future meetings and this was a unanimous decision. Liz F. will discuss this decision for approval with Kelly O. in the office tomorrow.

Consideration of Open Issues:

Pre School Sports Program

Liz F. reported that the 2 Pre School Sports programs started last week at Colony Field and they were going well with approximately 20 children enrolled and 2 instructors. It is every Monday from 3:45 PM-4:45 PM- 3 year old soccer and 4:45 PM-5:45 PM for Pre School Sports Squirts multi-sport program. Michael R. asked if our officers are indemnified if there was ever a legal suit involving the Recreation Committee. He asked if they could ever be sued personally. A discussion ensued relating to the Borough's coverage and it was decided that Liz F. will get an "official" answer from the Borough Office relating to our insurance coverage and would email the information as soon as possible.

Atlantic City Casino Bus Trip

Liz F. reported that the event scheduled for Sunday, 10/11 only has 10 paid participants so far even though it was advertised in the newspapers, flyers, Senior Center, electronic board, PKRG, email blast, Borough website and social media. (The bus holds 49.)

Steve H said he could send an email to Frank F to do an email blast to PRAA members. It was also suggested we do email blasts to the Utility Dept., Fire Dept. and Police Reserve, and local churches to try to get more interested residents.

Zumba

Liz F. reported that two Zumba programs are offered on our Borough website for Saturdays at the First Congregational Church starting 10/31. There is a regular Zumba from 10 am-11 am and a less strenuous "Zumba Gold" from 11:15 AM-12 Noon. The waiver and registration form is on our Borough Website. Liz F. also put in newspapers, electronic sign, PKRG and posted flyers.

Ragamuffin Parade

It was reported that Liz F. went to Dairy Queen and discussed our Committee decision to continue to hold the Ragamuffin Parade at Davies/Memorial Field Pavilion area behind Borough Hall. They offered to give us Halloween cupcake prizes for the Costume Judging Contest and wanted to know how many so they could make up prize certificates. They also offer BOGO coupons for other children. We discussed prizes and decided we need approximately 30 prizes.

Tom M. confirmed with Liz F. that he will pick up some pumpkins that were already ordered at De Piero's Farm and paint them for additional prizes.

It was decided by the members to not have a "Frankenstein's Closet" this year.

Steve M. was checking if we have ribbons left from last year.

Liz F. will buy the 300 lollipops (tootsie pops), (the colored tipped lollipop gets a pumpkin) napkins, 250 cups 6-8 oz and paper towels.

We need to discuss at next meeting if we also need \$ bills for prizes if we already got the Dairy Queen gift certificates for the cupcakes.

Liz F. will advertise in newspapers, PKRG, Borough Website and do flyer and include that we collecting food for the Pascack Food Pantry. She is also getting HS volunteers for community service through PRHS. Liz F. will reconfirm with PR Police.

Lyn B. will call Dean Havrilla to see if we can borrow his popcorn machine. It was also suggested that Liz F. check with Joe K., CFO about our budget and to see if we could purchase our own popcorn machine for future events. It was requested that prices and info about the popcorn machine purchase be emailed to all for a decision on this proposed purchase,

Lyn B. will also contact Jim A. at Lolli Pop School to see if he will sponsor again.

Steve M. and Steve H. will get the Boy Scouts to help.

We need volunteers to arrive at field at 1 pm to be reconfirmed at the next meeting.

Tree Lighting

Andy D. reported that Tree Lighting is scheduled for Sunday, 12/6 and with a rain date of Saturday, 12/12. Mike R. will go to El Azteca to confirm we can boil water there for

hot chocolate. DPW needs to be contacted before event. Liz will contact PRHS Drama Club or Volunteer Contact at the HS to see if we can get 1 Frosty from Senior High and 4 elves from the Junior High.

Liz F. will put event on PKRG, electronic sign, Borough Website and newspapers.

Lyn B. will check inventory of hot chocolate, powdered milk, cups, paddles, etc...

Agenda and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be on Monday, October 19th at 7:30 PM at the Community Center.

The Agenda for the next meeting will be:

- Ragamuffin Parade-finalize plans
- Popcorn machine purchase
- USSI Pre School Sports Programs update
- Tree Lighting
- Any other Future Event discussions.

Meeting was adjourned at 840 PM by Paul W. and seconded by Rob N..

Minutes submitted by: Liz Falkenstern