

Hopkinton Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes September 30, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:42 PM at the Kimball Cabins.

Members in attendance: Jim Martin, Louise Carr, Mark Newton, Vernon Miller, Valerie Carr and Recreation Director Justin La Vigne. Guests were Patrice La Vigne and Kayla Carr.

Approval of 8/26/08 Recreation Committee minutes:

The minutes from 8/26/08 were approved.

Business:

Justin said he wants to hold off on voting for the Recreation Committee officers (Chairperson, Co-Chairperson and Secretary), until all the committee members are present at a meeting.

Justin asked if the new 6:30pm meeting time was better for everyone. All agreed that later is better and to keep the new meeting time.

Justin reviewed the Columbia Hall situation. Today was the last day it was open and most of the stuff is moved out. The locks are changing. Justin is renting the upper floor of the Grange Hall on Cedar street for \$300/month and will use it for stained glass class, scrap booking class and Tai Chi. He is also using St. Methodias (retreat center) for the ballroom dancing program. As for the fate of Columbia Hall, it is still up in the air and Justin will keep everyone updated. Louise said she will be establishing a committee to explore the options for a community center, whether it means fixing Columbia Hall or a new option, such as the barn, which has passed 2 structural engineer reports. Then in March, the proposal will be presented to the town for a vote.

Update on Past/Ongoing/Upcoming Programs:

Movie in the Park – Houston Fields The event was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6 to show *Muppet Movie*, but it was canceled due to rain. Justin got a rain check from the screen rental company and will set up the event again in June.

Stained Glass Class – Grange Eight-week class taught by same person as last year began Sept. 10 and will run through Oct. 29. Class is full.

Ballroom Dancing – St. Methodias Six-week class taught by Let's Dance Studio instructors to began Sept. 24 and will run through Oct. 29. Class is full with a waiting list.

Scrapbooking Nights - Grange Free for beginners or experts. The next one is Oct. 3 and Justin will work with Liz to add more dates.

Tumbling Tots – Justin is waiting for the instructor to return from the circus. He plans to do it at the Grange, even though it is not the most ideal location for the event.

Indoor Soccer League – Fieldhouse Sports (Bow) There's only 1 spot left for a team member. Games will be played on weeknights beginning the week of Oct. 20.

Casino Trip – Justin tried this trip last February, but only got 25 people to sign up, which didn't make it worth it for the bus rental. This year, Hopkinton Rec will team up with Bow Recreation to split the charter bus. Trip will be Sunday, Nov. 2 to Mohegan Sun and will cost \$38/person, which includes meal vouchers.

Slusser Senior Center Activities – The seniors are hosting an indoor bazaar sale Oct. 18 from 8-2 to raise money to help them buy something for the building. The 1-year anniversary party will be on Saturday, Nov. 8. Also, Justin just formed the Slusser Senior Center Committee.

Haunted House – Things are coming together and plans for each cabin have been finalized. There's lots of help from townspeople, including high school groups. There's a

list out there for items wanted. There will be a work day on Saturday, Oct. 11. Vernon, Justin and Louise will do a walk-through to develop the to-do list on Sunday, Oct. 5. The only problem Justin has been having is with the Interact Group, who keeps saying they want to be involved, but never show up to the meetings (one representative accidentally went to the Selectman meeting on Monday, even though Justin had told her where the Haunted House meeting would be). The committee agreed that it's not just this year. In the past years, the Interact Club is hard to work with.

Other Business:

Justin noted that the next meeting time will be at 6:30pm on Oct. 28 at Kimball Cabins.

We are adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin La Vigne