

Hopkinton Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2009

Approved

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM at the Slusser Senior Center

Members in attendance: Louise Carr, Mark Newton, Valerie Carr, Jim Martin, Jessica Sheinman, Recreation Director Justin LaVigne and Ann Wayland.

The guest was Patrice La Vigne Absent: Vernon Miller

Old Business:

The Minutes for 12/15/08 and 1/13/09 were accepted.

It was announced that Robin Buchanan will be the new secretary replacing Sue Serino. There are three different camps which have been run through the Recreation Department for the past few years. The only reason that they were run through this department was to utilize the Recreation Departments' Insurance. Justin has collected the money and done all of the paperwork, which is very time consuming. Justin will be speaking to the Coaches to see if they would be able to obtain insurance thru another source such as the town. He will first contact Leon or Bob to seek other options.

The last meeting was great and the group agreed with Justin that we should have brainstorming meetings once a year.

Mark is continuing to pursue the Winter Diversity Program for next year. He will be contacting a few of the schools. Kim (who works at Marklin) is an advocate for refugees and may be a good contact as well. Mark thinks that the program should be more cultural than racial and will report back to the group as needed.

Jim has reformatted the 2004 Recreation Guide so we can start updating it. The Cross Country skiing club will be updating their section. Justin will send the guide so we can take a look at it. We would like to put in new photos as the guide currently has clipart. Justin has designed a Special Event Planning Program Evaluation so that the committee will have something to work with each year. The Santa calling event had four members working and 24 children signed up for the event. There was a suggestion made to advertise at local preschools. Justin to pursue asking Laura or Lee at the Library if there are any homeschooling networks, which could be contacted. The Breakfast with Santa was attended by 150 people and raised \$480.00. The set up, location and crafts were all good but there was not enough food. There was a suggestion to post menus at each table. The funds that were raised went back to the Food Pantry. Another suggestion for next year is to do a food drive and get \$5.00 or \$10.00 Shaws' Gift Cards. It could be promoted by "Come see Santa while you are supporting the Hopkinton Human Services Department. The money would go towards buying Holiday gifts for the local needy families. The Gingerbread House Workshop turned out great. It followed the Breakfast with Santa due to weather issues. The Starry Starry Night is storytelling in the depot along with decorating. We could combine it next year with the Gingerbread Decorating. The Holiday Lights Program went well although there were only a small amount of families participating. This program should be continued and we should think about having a Halloween Decorating Program as well.

The Disney on Ice was a success and will be continuing. The Casino Trip has been coordinated with the Bow Recreation and will be on February 22nd. The cost is 37.00. The Yoga Program will start up the first week of March. It will be on Monday and Friday nights and will be open for all. There will be a nightly fee or one fee to cover all nights. The advertising will start soon.

Registration will be starting in February for the Lacross program. Last year we had 85 participants.

There were no takers for the Ski Trip this year which may be due to the economy.

The Scrapbooking Workshops will be continuing and will be scheduled on Friday nights and possibly a Sunday as well. We may combine this with another group that does Creative Arts.

The Manchester Verizon Arena Events will continue with the Harlem Globetrotters on March 21st. Tickets are \$29.00 per person. Stars on Ice will be on April 10th and tickets are \$15.00 per person. Red Sox Tickets will be offered for May 19th (Blue Jays) and October 1st (Indians). The tickets will be \$75.00 per person and the seats are in right field box 90 and 91. The trip includes roundtrip transportation with the ticket.

The Movie in the Park will be June 13th (The Muppet Movie) and August 15th. We will advertise thru the schools if possible.

The Baseball Card Show is being organized by Jim. He is considering a date of June 5th. He would like to get Brian Daubaugh and Bob Tewksbury to sign autographs if possible with the proceeds going to the Boys and Girls Club.

Justin will look into getting Fisher Cats vs Portland Seadog tickets.

A Beading Class will be starting at the end of February or early March.

Easter Festivities will be held on April 4th at the high school.

The Winter Festival will be postponed until next year. There was not enough time to plan the event. The cabins areas were not properly prepared at this time.

New Business:

We would like to plan an equipment exchange event for next year.

We would also like to have a Senior Center Cooking Program and possible a childrens' cooking program. We may be able to get food donations. It should be nutritional and fun. We will discuss having a Kimball Pond Grand Opening.

We will need to start discussing the plan for the Town Meeting which is coming up. Louise suggested that we do a timeline and possibly have handouts. There is talk of eliminating the Capital Reserve Fund, which the intent was to purchase a Van. We should ask that the reserve fund be held as it is and not transferred into the Recreation Department Revolving Fund. We should discuss having a special fund set up in which the Slusser Rental money gets placed. This should be used for Maintenance and Operational Costs.

The Next Meeting will be on February 24th at 6:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Wayland