

## ***Franklin Recreation Meeting February 6, 2017***

**Participants:** Bridget Thompson, Stephanie Ho, Bridgette Favreau, Nicole Tatro, Brady Giroux, Annie Wagner, Kathy Rouleau, Marilyn Hackett, Jes Alexant

Bridget Thompson called meeting to order at 7:10.

Bridget motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 30. Bridgette seconded. The motion passed.

The Treasurer reported that more Little League Registrations have been received. Bridget motioned to approve this report. Stephanie seconded. The motion passed.

### **Public Comment**

The Messenger printed an article about the Franklin Recreation Department. The article was passed around.

Fuel up to Play offers grants that may be worth looking into. The deadline has passed for 2017, but perhaps next year.

Discuss apparel order from Grizzly Graphix. Tshirts or hats will be ordered for door prizes, raffle prizes, and the people leading activities at the Winter Carnival. Vests or sweatshirts will be ordered for board members.

There is a need for kids ski boots for the Winter Carnival. Discussion about where to find some.

A member of Montgomery Recreation invited Franklin Recreation to attend one of their meetings to observe and ask questions.

Discussion about how to support the request for a paid Recreation Director in Franklin when challenged.

Is childcare offered at Town Meeting?

Joanna Walsh contacted Franklin Recreation about athletic package deals offered by Olympia Sports.

## **Summer Programming**

The Rouleau Family will host a camp in Franklin for the week of July 24. The camp theme is TBD, but it will be STEAM based including building, carpentry, engineering, art, and nature. The camp will be offered for school aged children. Cost and time are also TBD. Discussion about whether a full day or half day camp would be a better fit for children in Franklin. Perhaps a community survey would help determine that. Would it be possible to offer both full and half day options? All parties involved would like to determine answers to these questions within the next few weeks so that participants would have time to apply for the Chauncy B. Warner scholarship if they choose. The scholarship deadline is April 1. Perhaps a detailed outline of what the camp will offer would be helpful for those trying to decide what to participate in during the summer.

A Community Calendar that shows all events offered in Franklin would be helpful. This would be a great task for a Recreation Director.

Discussion about grant possibilities to offset the costs of a summer camp: 21st Century? NOTCH? Other Scholarships? More details are needed.

Should Franklin Recreation offer a Health and Fitness summer camp?

## **Sponsorship**

Dianna Kittell would like to sponsor Franklin Recreation!

Bridget reached out to Swanton Recreation for information about their sponsorship levels.

Bridgette motioned that the discussion about sponsorship be postponed until a later date.

Stephanie seconded. The motion passed. .

## **Little League Volunteer Meeting**

An outline for the volunteer meeting on February 20 will be completed on February 13.

Discussion about age the age cutoff for playing t-ball. The Northwest Little League Franklin

Representatives will be invited to discuss this further on February 13. Nicole will invite the

Representatives not on the Franklin Recreation Board.

## **Winter Event Planning**

Discussion about reaching out to Fairfield school about borrowing children's skis. Bridget will look into this. Jes will bring what he has for skis.

The cross country ski trail for the Winter Carnival will be staked out during the afternoon of Thursday, February 9.

The ski trail will start at the sign at the beginning of the walking path. A tent and bench will be set up in that location. There will be a sign in for each guided ski trip.

The town provided waivers for Winter Carnival attendees to sign. Once the waiver has been signed, attendees will receive a sticker or other identifier.

RiseVT will have a display, the blender bike, and giant jenga, and will arrive at 1pm to set up. Volunteers from MVU's National Honor Society will also arrive at 1pm.

M&C will run a shuttle between the Homestead and the school at 4pm, 5pm, and 7pm.

The schedule of events will be written on a whiteboard near the entrance to the event.

Discussion of supplies needed and setup tasks to be completed for the silent auction, raffle, door prizes, indoor and outdoor setup, Bingo, dinner, music, dancing, and snow removal. Action items were assigned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57.