

Franklin Recreation Meeting November 6, 2017 (draft)

Participants: Bridget Thompson, Bridgette Favreau, Stephanie Ho, Stacy Godin, Dawn Fournier, Paula Tremblay, Kathleen Engstrom, Annie Wagner, Peter Magnant

Bridget called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m..

Welcome and Introduction

Meeting attendees were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Community Events

Tree Lighting: Franklin Recreation would like to have a Town Christmas Tree that is lit during the month of December. It could be placed outside the Library or Town Hall. Both Jim and Nancy Jewett and Andy Rainville have offered to donate a tree to the town. Discussion about power and possibly using large tree that is located at the Library. Discussion about asking local groups to make ornaments for the tree. At the lighting hot chocolate could be provided and perhaps the Library could offer a story time.

Caroling/Polar Express/Lighted Parade: Discussion about if this is too many events to hold at one time. For the parade, people with Rangers/Tractors will be asked to decorate and enter the parade. For the Polar Express, tickets could be first come, first serve for up to a predetermined number of tickets for a wagon ride around the block. This will be coordinated with Building Bright Futures and the Library. Perhaps this could include a friendly competition for houses around the block to decorated the outside of their houses.

Winter Carnival: The proposed date for the 2018 Winter Carnival is February 3. Perhaps the dinner could include a chili cookoff. More youth sized skis and ski boots are needed. The library suggested including stargazing at the carnival. This could be done at the ball fields and hosted by the Vermont Astronomical Society.

Triathlon: Franklin Recreation needs to communicate and coordinate with the Lake Carmi Campers Association (LCCA) about fitting a triathlon type event in their planned July 4 activities. Paula shared that the LCCA would like to have a cardboard boat derby, a pontoon boat tour, and that both the Fire Department and Library are also planning events around this time.

Community/Harvest Dinner: The 2017 dinner didn't use as much produce from gardens as hoped because the dinner was held in July, not August as originally planned. This was due to pizza oven availability. Spent a little over \$600 at the dinner, which included the pizza oven, pizza toppings and music. Donations totalling \$104 were collected. Annie shared that the Farm to School program is currently looking for grants to fund this event and the kids cooking camp.

Other:

- Franklin Recreation is hoping to offer the following summer camps: soccer, field hockey, pitching.
- The Haston Library should have their summer programming planned by the end of March. This typically kicks off with the Backpack Theater in late June and runs thru first week of August.
- Paula shared that through the strategic planning she has been working on for the Haston Library, she has visited many community organizations, and the Haston Library sees the Franklin Recreation Department as a central point for bringing all the organizations together. She will be back with more information to share once the Haston Library strategic planning is finished.
- Discussion about a community calendar and how to share upcoming local events. Kathleen suggested having quarterly or twice a year community meetings so that all local boards can work together and share upcoming events.
- Discussion about how to incorporate Homestead and Carriage House residents; possible ideas include game nights, card parties, puzzles, and chess club.

Scott's Field Grant

Stacy shared her notes on the Grant questions. The responses were discussed and will be edited and submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m..