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Bristol Community Events Committee
Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2020

Committee Members in Attendance: Les Dion, Hilda Bruno, Christina Goodwin, Sharon Orvis, Lucille Keegan, Paula McKinley, Steve Coffill

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Secretary's Report - Minutes:

The minutes of February 12, 2020 were reviewed. Lucille motioned to approve the minutes as written, Paula 2nd, motion passed.

Spring Fling Dance:

The Committee discussed the upcoming dance now called the Spring Fling. Claire has sent the posters and parent night is all set. The Committee thought the parent night info should be added to the poster, add the address for the hall, add snacks/refreshments and add call for more info using the Town and the TTCC phone.

Paula suggested that we consider having the Homestead do a "mocktail" specialty drink for the non-drinkers. The Committee thought this was a great idea.

Parking locations – include the Town Office building and people can use the Elementary school as it is closed, but we won't advertise this. Christina will ask Raymah about using the Baptist Church.

Advertising – Will have Al Blakely put it in his column. Posters will be put out in Town including the Library. Sandwich boards will be used at the gym location, the Historic Town Hall and the Town Square.

Decorating – The Committee will meet April 17 at 12:30pm, to help decorate. Lucille and Hilda have tablecloths, lights, canning jars and flowers. Christina will do a work order to pick up 14 tables from the TTCC and deliver to the Hall.

Ticketts – Les will print up tickets and give some to the Town Office, the Library etc to sell and tickets will also be available at the door.

Dance Day – Les will check with Tim to verify what time he will be there and Homestead what time the bar will be setting up.

Mr. Coffill inquired on the entertainment and if the DJ would be willing to do karaoke. The Committee said that it wasn't something they asked the DJ to do but could consider it for a future dance.

Concert Update:

The Committee discussed the first concert, 7/2 - Uncle Steve Band (USB). As this night is also the night of the fireworks, the Committee agreed to move the concert to Shore Drive. If it rains, the concert will continue and be moved to the Historic Town Hall.

Two concerts haven't confirmed but Claire is working on finalizing so they can be added to the brochure.

Brochure deadline:

The brochure deadline is April 3rd. The Committee reviewed the list of agencies, etc to get information for the brochure:

- Masons – Christina has and will forward to Les
- Car Show – Les emailed
- Economic Development Committee (EDC) – Christina will email
- School – Les will get from drama and the concert schedule
- Garden Club – Lucille will contact – the Committee also thought they could add a blurb about the community garden and applications for participating in it
- Newfound Lake Region Assoc – Les has
- Hebron Gazebo Concerts – Les has
- Groton Old Home Day – Christina will send to Les
- Town wide yard sale – Les will contact Kenny Rogers
- Audobon Society – Les will reach out
- Slim Baker – Les will get
- Add Village House ongoing events
- Farmers Market – Dates this is going on – Christina will reach out to Merle
- Legion Breakfast – Christina will reach out to Merle
- Other Lions Club events – Christina will reach out to Merle
- Will "Go Gray in May 5K" be taking place – Christina will reach out
- Rotary Block Party – Les will check to see if it is happening this year

4th of July Parade:

Schedule - The parade will be held on July 4th.

Theme - The Committee picked "Looking to the Future" as the theme for the parade and would like to use the Bristol Historical Society's postcard in advertising.

Prizes - A winner will be selected as Best Overall Theme and a \$100 cash prize with ribbon will be awarded. The winner of the parade will not be announced until the following week after the parade.

Music – Christina will reach out to Carroll Brown to confirm and the Committee will pick up a Thank you gift to give him the day of (Gift Cert to H).

Old Home Day:

The Committee would like to make the day like last year's Bicentennial but not historic based. Although, more will be determined as the year progresses the Committee agreed to look into the following:

- DJ - yes
- Car show – Run by the car show group, on the softball field.
- Food – Kim has been reaching out to different vendors. The Committee would like to have the Police sell sausage again and will continue with the Lions Club.
- Regiment volunteers – Yes
- Scouts – obstacle course – yes

- Entertainment – The Committee will ask Paula will look at the Library contacts to see if there are any suggestions

Other:

The Committee reviewed the distribution list for posters and brochures:

- Danbury Store – Christina thought that Peter might be willing to deliver there.
- Transfer Station – Christina will check with Arthur if the new set up has a spot for brochures.

Activity in the Square – The Committee and other groups would like to look at different options for Saturday mornings in the Square. Cindy at APU Medicine has thought about adding the drummers. EDC has talked about adding an art festival.

Halloween Event prep

- Christina will email Mr. Judd to add the Halloween parade to the schedule for this year
- Christina will ask the witches group if they are going to do a dance this year

Masons would like to hold an event to support NANA this summer. If the Committee has any other ideas on dates etc for the event or if they would like to help, the Masons would welcome it.

Fireworks – Les will check with Beth regarding the pulled pork and let them know that we would like them to be on Shore Drive.

Instagram account – Paula offered to help the Committee to set up an account and show us how to program posts months ahead.

Meetings:

Regular Committee meetings are normally held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 9:30am at the Town Offices and additional meetings are scheduled as needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2020 at 9:30 am at the Town Office.

Having no other business to conduct the Community Events Committee was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christina Goodwin