

Bristol Community Events Committee

November 8, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Present: Lucille Keegan, Hilda Bruno, Sharyn Orvis, Barbara Greenwood, Linda Lyden, Kris Bean, Al Blakeley, Les Dion

Secretary's Report: The October 2017 minutes were reviewed. Barbara Greenwood moved to accept the minutes. Hilda Bruno seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Report: Les reports that we have \$1,385.85 remaining in our event funds. We still have the expenses for the tree lighting and some other smaller items.

Halloween Evaluation: Barb said that they did not like starting the parade at the tennis court. She explained that the NMMS band put a lot of effort into preparing for this night and with such a short walk into town they really couldn't play for long. It was recommended that we go back to the NMMS starting point and maybe see if the band could play a few songs on the common as well. Hilda will solicit input from the band director as well. We discussed ordering banners for the four entrances to town that will advertise the Halloween details. The feedback on the time change was great. Kris said that we will close off the square in the future to make it safer. We will need to get the word out early so people are aware of alternate routes. Kris said that there seemed to be more people this year. Al asked if we should offer trunk or treaters to come to one of the parking lots downtown such as the Old Liquor Store or another spot.

Zombie Zone: The zombies should have some type of sign that says 'I am an official zombie'. We should drop it to three zombies to make it easier to get enough.

Tree Lighting: Hilda thinks we have a tree from Sandy Hawkensen up at the traffic circle in Plymouth. She will check it out with Mark to see how hard it would be to get it out of the woods. It needs to be 20-30' high. Hilda will check with the Fire Department to see if they could put the lights on the tree this year as Steve Favorite will not be available. Al will follow up with Mike Lemieux to see if he will be Santa again and he will give him a ride back to the Fire Station after the Santa visits. Les will check with the Lion's to see if they are all set. Al is willing to MC again. He would like to see a little more time between songs and have the hand-outs for music in a larger font with fewer song selections. There are also a lot of elderly there and it would be nice to have some chairs available for them to sit in. Al thinks about a dozen would be good. The benches from Kelley could be used too. White Mountain Smile Makers will be decorating their bench again for selfies. Les said she will get the candy for Santa to hand out and maybe do something other than candy canes.

Food: Les will take care of prepping the hot cider again and have the fire pit ready for pick-up. We also need to have the popcorn machine and three tables for the common. It was suggested that we play carols out of the TTCC tower all day.

Les will check with Christina regarding the sound system and if she can get the 'Grinch'. Les has ordered the bear and snowman costumes and we can use the TTCC reindeer costume as well. It would be nice to have some backdrops that people could get pictures taken with the characters in front of. Al said he would be willing to ask Jim Lambert if he could do one if we would like.

Decorating Contest: The categories will be home and business. We need to find out where the perennial plaque ended up for the business winner so we can update it for this year. We will give out five gift certificates to the home winners by purchasing \$25 gift cards to Cielito's, WM Smilemakers, Twin Designs, The Mill Fudge Factory, and Justin Wheelers shop at the Old Hotel. Les will ask Christina if she has an updated copy of the holiday poster so we can get these out. Judging for the contest will be done the week of 12/18.

Other: We had discussed at a prior meeting what the cost would be to purchase a sno cone machine. Les will look into this and let the committee know the cost. Hilda asked if Les had spoken with the Select Board about having a signboard downtown at the traffic light. She has not and suggested that the Decorating Committee might want to bring that to the Board. Hilda reported that we need to be collaborating with the Bicentennial Committee as they will be doing events on Old Home Day in 2019. Al said that the Alumni Committee wants to do some events that year and try to get a large group of alumni home for that time. Les suggested that someone from the alumni committee attend a bicentennial committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Dion