

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
January 21, 2021 | 5:30 PM (Virtual)

Present at Meeting: Deb Smith, Jennifer Smith, Jaime Comtois, Chad Prue, Vaughn Cloney, Shari-Lee Ryan and Mike Nolan

Absent: AJ Thurston, Amy Pickering and Mandy Riendeau

Guest: Laura Smith, Jessica Booth

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:34 by Jennifer Smith.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jenn Smith to accept minutes. 1st Chad Prue 2nd by Jaime Comtois and unanimously approved with minor typo edit- change “phrase” to “phase” at top of page 2.

Public Comment: None

Fundraising Update:

- Bottle money for December \$98
- MyRec \$5
- \$100 donation from Melissa Patterson (Laura will send thank you note)
- Go Fund Update: \$9260 95.63 % of goal

Program Debrief: NA

Program & Event Planning Discussion:

- Father/daughter dance will be moved to May 14th, 15th and 16th
- Rec. depart. will work with the committee on a similar theme and share the cost/time
- Laura and Jess will start ordering for the F/D dance and share with different options for the M/S dance

Fundraising Projects/ideas:

Ice Shack Raffle

- Tickets available(150 tickets have been sold) Great Job! Vaughn and Chad
- 6 tickets per committee member to sell (please pick up your tickets)
- Vaughn will reach out to Steve Wright to find out ETA for Ice Shack

Ice Out:

- Ideas suggested: Penguin on a slide (tie it into playground)
- Additional ideas welcomed
- Will need to order additional tickets

Public Recreation:

- Mother/Son Dance - May 7th, 8th and 9th
- Sub-committee formed: Jenn, Jaime, Mandi and Vaughn
- Start soliciting donations now
- Dave Bennett will be contacted for the dance but the committee will come up with an age appropriate playlist with the help of Maggie, Shari's daughter
- Volunteers: Debbie, Mike, Vaughn, Jenn, Jaime and Shari-Lee

Updates from Parks and Rec:

- Environmental testing done the week of January 18th
- Architectural meeting week of January 25th

Other Business:

- Bandstand revival? \$25,000 put into the budget to tear it down
- Committee member gear - Mike will email a powerpoint with several suggestions
- Annual Report Committee writeup reviewed - suggestions that we add some of the activities that we have done in 2020, the names of the committee including the ones that have stepped down, new and creative ways that we managed our activities during covid-19 and using our website and facebook for additional contact information.
- Ice Skating Rink - Mike was curious how the task of making ice was in comparison to other ice rinks in surrounding towns. He noticed that once the ice rinks had opened it was a cool local hub and wanted to know how we could build on that. Jess gave us a lesson on making the best ice to skate on, weather conditions etc... Phase two of the Gardner Park Restoration will look at new and improved ice rinks.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P.M..

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 18th, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. (virtual) Please let Jenn know at least one week in advance if you can't make it.