

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
June 17, 2021, The Gateway

Present at Meeting: Jennifer Smith, Jaime Contois, Mandy Chaput, Debbie Smith, Chad Prue

Absent: Shari-Lee Ryan

Guest: Jessica Booth, Kelley Rhodes

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:51pm by Jennifer Smith.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: No members of the public present to provide comment(s).

Fundraising Update:

- None to review

Program Debrief:

- None

Program & Event Planning Discussion:

- Mother & Son Dance---- The dance is sold out. Jess is still getting requests for tickets. Discussion on dates for 2022. There was discussion regarding putting a hold on the Gateway for next year. The dates held are as follows:
 - Father Daughter – February 18, 19, 20
 - Mother Son – February 25, 26, 27
- After some discussion, the committee decided that despite falling on February break, given the amount of notice, we were confident that these dates would sell out as they have historically in the past.
- Looking to book ahead photographer and DJ to save on stress and money.
- Mother Son gift bag stuffing

Fundraising:

- None

Public Recreation:

- Summer Camp is up and running

Updates from Parks & Recreation Office:

- Jessica informed the group of her departure on August 6 to take a position at North Country High School. Although very saddened by her departure, the committee was very excited for the new opportunity for Jess.
- Coin Drop – to be approved by the City Council – June 26th – money to benefit fireworks. Looking for volunteers.
- Soil sampling is at a bit of a standstill due to vendor unavailability.

Other Business:

- Kelley Rhodes is interested in being part of the recreation committee. Community Resource Coordinator. Looking for more community involvement. Also works for the United Christian Academy. Interested in event planning, kids, arts and community
- Community Summit...update. Jenn did an amazing job at representing the committee and even got some new potential on-call volunteers.
- Chad will be doing the cotton candy on Tuesday.
- Committee decided to have 30 minute check-ins during the months of July and August. Due to pandemic ending and competing with families returning to normalcy by taking more vacations and not wanting events or fundraising to compete with this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm. Although the committee did continue to decorate and work on last minute details for the Mother Son Dance.

Please don't hesitate to contact Jenn if you have ideas, she will be happy to add it to the agenda.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. Please let Jenn know at least one week in advance if you can't make it.