

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
October 22nd, 2020 | 5:30 PM Municipal Building

Present at Meeting: Jaime Comtois, Jennifer Smith, Mike Nolan, Chad Prue, Amanda Chaput, Deb Smith,

Absent: Vaughn Cloney, AJ Thurston, Amy Pickering, Shari-Lee Ryan

Members of the Public: Laura Smith, Jess Booth

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:44 by Jennifer Smith

Review of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and a motion made by Mike Nolan to accept, Chad Prue seconds. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Mike brought up the fact that he would like to see the minutes and agenda electronically instead of using paper and printing them.

Public Comment: None

Monthly fundraising update:

Bottle Returns - \$48 from Thompsons, \$181 from Buzzy's, and \$55 from Jimmy Kwik

Coin Drop - \$2,201

Program Debrief:

Coin Drop

- Saw lots of out of staters
- Received more bills this time
- We need more signage before the coin drop to give people a head's up that there is a coin drop happening.
- It was good to have separate buckets for each shift

Northern Border Running Club Event

There was a total of \$195 in donations and \$100 of it went to the Rec Committee. 25 kids participated in the 1 mile run and 4 adults participated in the 10K. They would like to gear it more towards kids and get info into the schools.

Program & Event Planning Discussion:

Pumpkinpalooza

CNB donated \$1,000 towards this event. Shaw's donated 30 carving kits. We will have 100 pumpkins from the Farmer's Market and 150 pumpkins grown by the city. There will be three categories – Best in Show, People's Choice, and Business Organization awards. We will have a trailer with pumpkins and the dump truck for easy removal of compost. There will be stations outside and inside, check-in, check out stations where pumpkins will be entered into the contest. Thursday will be set up. We will have a display by the road to draw people in. Deb got the book enlarged and laminated. It will be placed around Pomerleau Park.

We will need:

- 2 people for check in – Jen and Jaime
- 2 people gutting pumpkins – Mike and Chad
- 2 people sanitizing – Deb and Amy
- 1 person check out and goodie bags – Mandy

Fundraising Projects:

Take 5 to give \$5

\$8,585 raised so far

300-400 cards returned

Going to send some to local schools to pass out

Maybe do another mailing in November

Thermometer looks great

What's next? We as a committee have \$2,000 left to raise.

Ice shack raffle?

Mike would like to see a winter tots basketball program for ages 5 & 6. He will send info to Jess about the type of basketball hoops they would need.

Deb will host a cookie exchange again for the committee.

Updates from Parks & Rec:

Insurance company says we need to close the playground. We can give old playground equipment away, but they must sign a waiver if they are going to take it. We are keeping the fire truck, swings, and climbing structure.

They are still working on the environmental studies.

Other Business:

We are looking for an alternate seat for the Rec Committee. We will put it out there to see if anyone is interested. Mike recommended that it be clearer as to the expectations for being a committee member.

If possible, please let Jess or Jenn know if you cannot make a committee meeting as soon as possible, but at least by one week before the scheduled meeting. Thanks!

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51. Next meeting will be Thursday November 19th at 5:30 PM at the Municipal Building.