

Newport Recreation Committee

Minutes February 15, 2024

Called to Order: 5:40 pm

Present: Jaime Comtois, Jennifer Smith; Carter Finegan; Susan Kiley; Kelli Rhodes; Matt Kiley; Mike Brown

Absent: Sean Pilker; Nick Whitehouse; Aaliyah Wilburn

Members of the Public: None

January Minutes approved as submitted

Monthly Fundraising - \$29 donated online

Program and Event Planning

Ice Out – Polar Bear is on ice waiting for spring. Matt to sell tickets at City Hall March 5

Mother/Son Dance – Set up Wed March 6. March 8, Friday 7-9; Volunteers Susan, Matt, Kelli; Sat March 9, 5:30-7:30, Volunteers Susan, Matt, Jaime

Father/Daughter Dance – Friday March 15. Volunteers: Kelli, Carter, Jenn. Sat March 16 Volunteers Jenn, Jaime, Carter

Bike Safety Rodeo – Carter meeting w/ Jenn Leitheid next week and Bevin right after this meeting. Susan secured Jason Littleton to inspect and repair bikes, Jaime to call Bob Primeau as well. Mike to contact police dept., put on Facebook and contact Liz Butterfield re. Parent Square. Carter to gather supplies.

Winterfest – Impending warmup threatens activities at Gardner Park. May have to adjust. Chuck-a-Puck contest to be held ice or no ice.

Fundraising Projects:

Coin Drop – No notice from city council on dates. Mike to ask Becky when.

Red Sox vs Yankee Ticket Raffle - Matt reported that ticket supplier said he no longer had access to the four seats behind home plate but that if we bought the tickets direct from MLB we could get very similar seats for the same price. Discussion included a profit share with the HIVE teen center 25% Recreation Committee, 75% HIVE. Matt made motion to buy tickets, Susan seconded. Approved unanimously. Matt made motion to accept 25/75 split of profits, Susan seconded. Motion approved.

Other Business

Ira Morgan Memorial – Proposal to purchase a playground brick and purchase a bench to be placed at the skateboard park with plaque honoring Ira. Mike to investigate cost.

Member Recruitment – Jaime said she contacted Sean Pilker and Nick Whitehouse to see if they wanted to stay on the committee. Sean said he did and Nick did not respond. Mike to see if adding a student member needs to be in the bylaws.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25