

Newport Recreation Committee Meeting

Present at Meeting: Jamie Comtois, Jennifer Smith, Debbie Smith, Sean Pilkner, Nick Whitehouse, Matt Kiley, and Kelli Rhodes.

Absent from Meeting: Shari- Lee Ryan

Members of the Community: Ira Morgan

Meeting called to order at: 5:33

Review of Previous Minutes:

Matt approves the minutes from September and Nick Seconds this.

Public Comment: None

Fundraising Update:

Bottle Returns:

- \$126.25 Jimmy Quick
- Buzzy 37.25
- \$168.50 in bottles
- Thompsons – Jennifer will follow up

Coin Drop: \$1,090.00 in cash and waiting on coins to be counted.

Donations: \$5.00

Program & Event Planning Discussion:

Coin Drop:

We ran out of slips of paper to hand out. The idea to add a future event was brought up.

The group agreed that it is best to keep the original coin drop spot on main street for next year due to safety (construction equipment was in the way this year).

The coin drop paperwork needs to be submitted for January 1st.

Other Fundraising Ideas:

Nick is waiting on final approval of VIP Concert Tickets; Jamie will remind him via email in 2 weeks.

Matt is still on track for getting the Red Sox tickets

Upcoming Events/ Fundraising:

Pumpkin Palooza:

Saturday 10/22 is pumpkin pickup

- Matt and Sean are volunteering for this part of the event.
- Pumpkins out already, banner from CNB, road signs.
- Event has Markee and Facebook advertising

Saturday 29th is pumpkin drop

- Debbie will get there early to heat cider (1:00), everyone else (Matt, Kelli, Sherrie will arrive at 1:30).
- Matt is picking up Cider on 10/25, Kelli will remind Burtts of this.
- Jamie will purchase cups.
- The bank had volunteers to help last year. Ira will check on this for us.
- The Eagles are hosting the pumpkin pie contest and main street will have trick or treating.

Updates from Parks & Recreation Office:

Ira stated that Fall Fest went well...great amount of people, chili fest, bouncy house and ice cream sales all went well. Ceremony, photo contest and scarecrows were good.

New event: Turkey Fest November 19, 2022

- Pardon a turkey, Turkey calling competition, pumpkin pie contest with downtown dollars for winners.
- Bounce house, games, face painting, and animal petting zoo all at the gazebo.
- Matt and possibly Jamie volunteering- 1-3pm.

Ira also gave some Facebook Metrics:

- 6400 follows
- 300-600 views
- 40 -50 shares

Moo advertising- ratings low, therefore the recreation department is no longer going that route.

Instagram posts and more social media, some small videos and audio will be used instead.

Parmalou Party for the holidays will not be in person (December).

Updates on some other ideas for offering activities for the whole community.

Other Business: None

Next meeting: November 17,2022

Adjourned at: 6:37