

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

5 April 2018

7:00 PM – Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall.

Members present: Wicca Davidson (Chair), Nazli Chaudhry, Robert Lyford, Barbara Rose, Cathy Slesinger, Julie Stanish, Julie Trocchio, and Mary Flynn (Liaison)

The March minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no public comments offered.

OLD BUSINESS—Events and Community Service

- Discussion & Desserts – March 8 -Jeremy Eig: Julie Stanish reported that this event was unfortunately cancelled.
- Bunko & Beer- March 16: Wicca Davidson reported that she and Mary Flynn led this event in the Town Center. About 30 people attended. All seemed to enjoy it.
- Panel on Addiction: Wicca Davidson reported that this event was cancelled. She noted that the title might have discouraged attendees. The Committee will be asked to hold this event in September, but the focus will shift to new developments in treatment. In addition, the Committee will need to take more control of promotion.
- Pie Contest – April 15: Barbara Rose reported that all elements of the event were planned including arrangements to have two owners from local bakeries agreeing to be judges. Several people have signed up to bring pies and many more indicated that they would attend. Nazli Chaudhry and Bob Lyford, along with Barbara, Wicca Davidson and Cathy Slesinger agreed to support the event.
- Magic Show – May 4: Wicca Davidson reported on the status of the upcoming Magic Show. Michael Chamberlain, who has performed for the Town many times, will perform – an event that had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather on March 2. Nazli Chaudhry and Julie Trocchio agreed to assist with the event.
- Spring Festival in conjunction with the Lawton Center: The Town has cosponsored this event with the Lawton Center the last few years. It has been held in the spring, but this year, it is being moved to the fall. The Community Relation Committee has offered to assist as it has in years past.

OLD BUSINESS-- Communications

- Welcome Package Distribution: Cathy Slesinger reported that a list of items for the 2018 welcome bags has been completed, and that Town staff had begun ordering material and assembling the bags. Mary Flynn has edited a letter of introduction, and inserts from last year are in the process of being updated. A late spring delivery is anticipated for our town's newcomers.
- Committee Mission Statement: Wicca Davidson reported that the statement has been approved and is now on the Town's website.

NEW BUSINESS--Events/Community Service

- Town Centennial Celebration: Barbara Rose, as a liaison for the newly established Town Centennial Committee, reported on the results of its initial planning meeting including developing a logo, plans to conduct oral histories, using the Forecast and our Facebook page to share history about the town, and a launch of events throughout the year with its initial event being a spring tour of Town gardens - "Digging into the New Century" on June 3rd that will close with a gathering at the Town Center to kick off the yearlong celebration.
- Available Dates for Events: Wicca Davidson reported the availability of dates for events sponsored by the Community Relations Committee for the balance of the year. The committee agreed not to include one of the available dates - June 1 – given it would occur the same weekend as the Town's Centennial Launch. Other dates are under consideration including May 17, May 20, May 31 and June 21.
- Planning Discussion for Future Events: Several possibilities for events were discussed. This include David Zigele a guitarist who plays different guitars and is a resident of the community. Several ideas for a game night were discussed including a return of Bunko and Beer, a multi ethnic/international community event, dance events, or arts & crafts.

- **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Wicca Davidson shared that she planned to run for Town Council in the upcoming elections, but that there is Town precedence for a Committee Chair to continue to serve out their term if elected to the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Slesinger