

Community Relations Committee Meeting

June 5, 2019

7:00pm--Town Hall

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

Members Present: Wicca Davidson (Chair), Julia Bellinger, Cathy Wolf, Quynh Tran, Marjorie Shaw, Aki Peritz, Maryanne Courtney

General Business:

- The minutes of the May 2019 meeting were presented and approved by the Committee. Marjorie Shaw moved to approve the minutes and Julia Bellinger seconded the motion.

Old Business

- Knitting Group – Marjorie Shaw reported that attendance at meetings is low and there is some question whether it will continue.
- Seriously Fun Singers – This event was held May 5. Barbara Rose will report when she returns in October.
- Spring Festival – This event, co-sponsored by the Lawton Center and the Town, was canceled due to budget issues within the County Recreation Department.
- Rockville Concert Band – The concert will be held June 9 rain or shine. Julie Stanish/Julia Bellinger will organize. Helpers need to be at the social hall at 5. Quynh Tran has researched food trucks-- Clayboys and one other truck will attend.
- July 4 Picnic and Parade – Aki Peritz reported that the permits and band are locked in for July 4. There was a suggestion that Monique Shimm would be handling the provision of 40 to 60 vegan meals at the picnic, but Red, Hot & Blue will be the only provider of food due to insurance issues. Aki is also coordinating with the Environment Advisory Group to purchase 5 to 10-gallon jugs of water to reduce the number of individual plastic bottles. A speaker system for the reading of the Declaration of Independence and volunteers to read are still needed. Volunteers are still needed to help set up and clean up.

Communications:

- The group discussed how to increase outreach to town residents. Quynh Tran explained the use of the Town's Instagram account. The possibility of electronic signage was discussed.

New Events and Community Service:

- The annual Rising K-2 Playdate in the Park is planned for the weekend before school starts. Aki and Dana Peritz will be the on-site leaders of this popular event.
- Cathy Wolf reported that the Committee was recognized for the Holiday Gift Drive, work for the Family Justice Center at a special anniversary event held at the Family Justice Center. A Proclamation honouring Cathy Wolf and the Town was presented, and a plaque was hung at the FJC offices.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on September 4, 2019. Members of the Committee were reminded to sign-up for next year, and all were thanked for a great year of events and community service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Cathy Wolf made the motion to adjourn and Julia Bellinger seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryanne Courtney