

Myersville Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes Meeting

Date: April 17, 2024

Guests: None

Committee Members Present:

- Victoria Thompson (VP)
- Mari-Beth Schmersahl (Treasurer)
- Efim Shapiro (President)

Meeting Agenda:

- Newsletter Updates
- Upcoming Events:
 - Kids to Parks (May 18th)
 - Seedling Swap (May 18th)
 - Trolley Fest (October 5th)
- Future Activities Brainstorm
- Budget Review
- Other Items

Action Items from Previous Meeting (Updates):

- **Efim:**
 - Park availability for Kids to Parks confirmed (Completed)
 - Dylan Draws Stuff contacted (Completed)
 - Library collaboration for Kids to Parks activity in progress
 - Judy Zeck interested in the "Hidden Gems" column (Completed)

- **Victoria:** Scarecrow clothing sourced (Completed)
- **Mari Beth:** Sheri contacted about Trolley Fest (Completed)

Meeting Notes:

Newsletter

- "Hidden Gems" column was tentatively renamed "Community Builders."
- "Hidden Gems" column to feature areas to explore in Myersville
- Judy Zeck to write the column focused on volunteers and positive community efforts.
- No set timeline for submissions, approximately 300 words per installment.
- Exploring the possibility of creating activity bookmarks for distribution at the library and doctor's offices.

Upcoming Events

- **Seedling Swap (May 18th)**
 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am at the Library
 - To be held in conjunction with Kids to Parks
- **Kids to Parks (May 18th)**
 - 2 pm - 4 pm at Doubs Meadow Park
 - Bring yard games, kites (which were popular previously), and plenty of bubbles.
 - Arrange for music and ice pops.
- **Trolley Fest (October 5th)**

- Bookmarks to feature a scavenger hunt with stops at participating businesses.
- Business Spotlight on cardstock bookmarks to include:
 - Promiseland
 - JB Seafood
 - Martins Farm Market
 - Honeycomb
 - Spectrum
- Food Truck Considerations: affordability and ability to serve quickly.
- Coffee truck desired.
- Rehire Astro Jump, trackless train, and racing bounce house (all were successful previously).
- Hire an attendant for the bounce house.
- Book the bandshell through Ted's Rent It; inquire about stage stairs.
- Victoria to source additional scarecrow clothing at Goodwill.
- Sheri to make scarecrow heads (expenses to be reimbursed, gift card to be provided).

Future Activities

- "My Myersville": Event concept to celebrate diverse cultures and families within the community. Could include rewards or prizes.
- "Set for School": Potential event where children can swap unneeded items for back-to-school supplies

Budget

- \$900 available through July

Other

- "Wish List" of items to purchase within the existing budget to enhance events:
 - Blank signs
 - Oversized Sharpies (various colors)
 - Water dispenser/station
 - Trash bags
 - Tablecloths (tensioned)
 - Parks and Rec pop-up banner

Action Items:

- **Efim:**
 - Provide Judy Zeck with "Community Builders" column details.
 - Research kite kits.
 - Invite Laura (Frederick Health) to set up a booth at Kids to Parks.
 - Explore large bubble-making options.
 - Order ice pops for Kids to Parks Day.
 - Send a thank-you email to McDonald's.
 - Submit Trolley Fest request form.
- **Mari Beth:**
 - Discuss newsletter sharing possibilities with Zeigler.
- **Victoria:**
 - Contact potential food trucks.
 - Discuss Feed and Seed event with Promiseland.

- Create a flyer for Kids to Parks Day and Seedling Swap.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 15th, 2024