

Recreation Committee Meeting

Date: March 10

Call to order: 6:06

Rec Commission Attendees: Kerly Way, Meredith Villano, Robin Woodmansee, Courtney Olean Paige

Intro to Kerly Way: Hillsdale Road, moved to Richmond 2018 originally from Estonia. Joined because of interest in the infrastructure of town. Interest in getting kids outside in town away from screens. Let's talk about what the town has to offer. Good props to the tree lighting ceremony.

Robin talked to Karen Pinch about the line between rec and rec committee.

Morgan does:

- Rec camp and
- scheduled things for Feb vacation.
- Egg hunt
- Huck Finn Fishing Derby

Robin: We have \$2k budget

Do any events or activities we do need to be reviewed by the town council?

Tree lighting:

- Overall attendance was 500
- Wins - overall success
 - North Pole shed
 - Firepit
 - Pic with truck
 - DPW rocked!!!
- Struggles/Opportunities for improvement
 - Sound with choir was issue - wearing masks, not close together
 - Boy scout poinsettia sales were a little low - had to keep them inside b/c it was so cold.
 - Maybe more food trucks - more?
 - They sold out - could have had more product but we didn't know how many to

Review schedule future meeting dates including the 2022 meeting schedule (2nd Thursday of each month) > next meeting in 4/14

Broad Mission:

- Collaborating with community orgs
- Number and scope of activities
- Hit all of our residents - kids (younger kids, teens), older people, couples and adults

Discussion regarding idea of a town rec building:

- we have no money
- don't want to raise the taxes

Ideas:

- Ice skating rink (Local business owner has offered the funds)
- Bingo night
- Fundraisers for a rec building
- Family game night
- Summer: During food night or separate - battle of the bands
- Story hour
- Date night - drop off kids and go on a date
 - Collaborate with East Coast Karate
 - Collaborate with local businesses to
- Guided hikes - heritage trail
 - Picnic at the end
- Couples - hangout night
- Sports leagues
 - Cornhole tournament
 - We can have liquor
- Tennis courts are school's responsibility
- Can you fundraise for 1 thing each year - pick a thing and do and focus your efforts on this for the year.
- Movie night over summer (would need to find a location, town vs school vs Washington County Fair Grounds)
- Vendor fair

For the next meeting we can select 3-4 ideas for the 2022 year, and meet with Morgan on how we can assist her with her priorities and come up with a tentative calendar time ect.

Come up with Survey for the residents (social media, through the Town Page, print for the senior center/senior newsletter,, do some prints for businesses)

Meredith to put together a quick survey monkey type survey

- What would they want to do
- Ranking/preferring some of the topics above
- Get information on interested age ranges
- Create Gmail account & GoogleSheets/Forms
- Ask who would want to volunteer, have an offer, join the committee
- Zip code
- Open until April 8th, and discuss results on the next meeting

