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**Town of Winchendon
Winchendon Parks and Recreation Commission
December 19, 2023 Minutes-6:30pm
4th Floor Conference Room, Town Hall**

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Committee Members Present: Tiffany Newton (Recreation Coordinator), Andrew Beauvais (Vice Chair), Emily Bradley, Melanie Franklin, Debra Bradley(Chair), Dawn Higgins, Gabe Beauvais (by phone)

Absent Members:Emily Croteau, Dylan Romanowski, Debra Kane

Non- Members:

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

New Member Interest:

None

Recreation Coordinator Updates

Holiday Fundraisers Recap

- We made a profit of \$219.08

2023 Recap

- In 2023 we hosted over 54 events including, 17 programs, 20 ticketed events, and 17 free events.
- So far in FY 24 we have taken a loss of \$9,534.79
- We have spent \$9000 on trail maintenance
- We have merged from 2 committees to 1 in May of 2023
- We hosted 3 rentals and had to additional rentals moved due to weather conditions
- Suggestion to add a recap of grant awards and summary of sponsorships

Old Business

None

New Business:

January Crafternoon

- We have already sold 14 of our 20 tickets for this event

Movie Night Schedule

- Tiffany handed out a tentative 2024 schedule with updated movie night dates
- Currently we have 5 dates, including one in Sept.
- We are looking to move the one in Sept to the 1st week in August if it doesn't conflict with the Library
- In order to get the 6 movie discount we will speak with TM about the employee appreciation, if not we will pick a 6th date.

Top movie suggestions

Hunger Games

Paw Patrol

Wonka

Ghostbusters

Hook

Trolls

Additional Movie Suggestions

Jungle Cruise

Jumanji-original

Legally Blonde/Clueless

Mario Bros

Moana

Barbie

- Tiffany will send out the link to the movie licensing site for everyone to browse.
- Hook seemed to be a big sell and the original Jumanji
- Suggestion to pick a short list and have the community do a poll of what movies they want to see
- Follow up with Emily C about her student movie night

Task list

- See handout from Melanie about a checklist for events
- Includes and inventory list
- Deb B said Sue Polcari is interested in doing the inventory for us and we should "airtag" our bigger/pricier items.

Bingo

- Suggestion to host Bingo in February or March to be a fundraiser. This would pair nicely with St. Patrick's Day
- Everyone was in favor.
- First preference of location is the Senior Center and 2nd is to partner with the HUB.

Minutes

- Melanie made a motion to accept the minutes from December 5, 2023 as presented. Dawn 2nd
Debra B (Y) Dawn (Y) Debra K () Emily B (Y) Andrew (Y) Emily C () Dylan () Gabe (Y) Melanie (Y)

Financials

Grant Updates

- All grants from Ashby, Ashburnham, Westminster & Fitchburg have been denied
- Winchendon Granted
 - \$150 to Free FUN Days
 - \$150 to Little Mermen Concert
 - \$150 to GAR concerts
 - \$2,000 to Ren Faire
 - \$300 to Battle of the Bands
- Templeton has denied our Free FUN Days and Battle of the Bands but we should be receiving funds for the Ren Faire and Little Mermen
- We are still waiting to hear from Royalsont, Gardner, Phillipston, and Hubbardston.

Other Business

Committee Comments or Feedback

- Deb suggested hosting Kids camp during a vacation week as a trial for camp.
- Tiffany will find out from Jim what the requirements are to host a summer camp or camp program

Adjourned 7:46 p.m.

Andrew made a motion to adjourn and Dawn 2nd

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Approved:

