

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 an 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
 - \$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

Debra B (Y) Dawn (Y) Debra K () Emily B (Y) Andrew (Y) Emily C () Dylan ()
Gabe (Y) Melanie (Y)

Approved:

Dawn Bradley, Melanie Franklin, and Deb B. have handwritten their names in cursive ink. Dawn's signature is on the left, Melanie's is in the center, and Deb's is on the right. The signatures are somewhat overlapping and written in a fluid, personal style.