

EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 15, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Marzahl called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Committee members present: Chuck Marzahl, Lori Moller, Wanda Marzahl, Bill Clow, Stephanie Freimund, Tammy Herrera and Mark Lancaster. Committee member Laura Evers was absent. Also present: June Vickery, Dawn Bihlmaier, Cheyenne Bihlmaier and Cheyenne Slavin.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

June Vickery updated the Committee on the Easter Egg Hunt/Visit with the Bunny. The event went fairly well considering the inclement weather; the Women for Harvard had around 200 in attendance.

MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2014 – APPROVED

Moved by Bill Clow, seconded by Wanda Marzahl to approve the Events Committee Meeting Minutes of March 18th, 2014, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wanda noted that there haven't been any financial transactions since our last meeting. Stephanie will check to get a corrected invoice sent to the City for the Easter Egg Hunt ad in the Mainline.

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

The last movie night of the school year was held on Saturday, April 12th showing "Frozen" with approximately 50 in attendance. The next movie night will be in September probably showing "The LEGO Movie".

FALL FEST

Tammy and Stephanie updated the Committee on preparations for Fall Fest with a tentative date of Saturday, October 4th depending on when homecoming is. Tammy would like to contact Skinner Amusement to see if we could get a few rides this year; Lori will check with the City's insurance to see if there would be any additional cost. Stephanie noted that the Moose had a fall event last year and suggested we contact them to see if they would be interested in doing it together and split the fundraising.

PROPOSAL FOR RABBIT SHOW

Dawn Bihlmaier, Cheyenne Bihlmaier and Cheyenne Slavin presented a proposal to host a rabbit show at Milky Way Park using the dairy barn either this October/November or next May. Rabbit shows have become very popular with the closest shows held in Peoria, IL and Jefferson, WI. The committee felt that May was too busy and recommended October this year or next.

- The fun show would utilize the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) standards and classes but would not be a sanctioned show as they don't have an official club. They would also have a pet class for rabbits not considered showable. They would like to use a couple of ARBA sanctioned judges who can be independently contracted at a cost of \$150-\$200 per judge plus hotel rooms. They know a couple of judges who live fairly close and might not need a hotel.
- Ribbons/trophies would cost approximately \$225. The Committee suggested they talk with Laura Evers at First Place Promotions.
- They will need waiting show coops which are like chicken nesting boxes. Their plan is to ask McHenry County to borrow theirs and perhaps build one additional coop.
- Total event cost is estimated at \$1000 - \$1,500 which could be offset with sponsorship.
- Entry fee would be \$3 per rabbit. They anticipate between 250-300 people; the average participant brings 10 rabbits to show. Discussed holding the event downtown in conjunction with Fall Fest if possible this October.
- Would have raffle and food tent.

After discussion, moved by Bill Clow, seconded by Wanda Marzahl to support the rabbit show with a detailed budget (including cost of a tent) to be presented at our next meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER EVENTS

- Mark noted that the Udder Mudder Volleyball Tournament is planned for Saturday, August 16th.

At 5:40 p.m., moved by Bill Clow, seconded by Tammy Herrera to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Lori Moller, Secretary