

**EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Country Fair Public Information Hearing**

**MARCH 11, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.**

Chairman Evers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Committee members present: Laura Evers, Scott Logan, Barb Rowe, Bill Clow, Rebecca Gabrys, Wanda Marzahl, Judyanne Grandmaison and Lori Moller. Member Cathy Pescinski was absent. Also present were representatives from various churches, clubs and organizations.

Moved by Logan, seconded by Moller to appoint City Clerk Wells as Hearing Officer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing Officer Andy Wells opened the informational hearing.

Wanda Marzahl gave an overview of the Events Committee's proposal to host an old fashioned Country Fair on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Milky Way Park. The Events Committee would be the facilitator of the event and would handle arrangements for use of the facilities, advertising, money handling, tent rental, permits and will host the kite building seminar and kite flying contest. The Events Committee would like to offer fundraising opportunities to local not-for-profit organizations. The Events Committee will sell tickets in .50 denominations for food and games which would be redeemed by the various organizations at the end of the day. The Events Committee would keep 10% and each organization would receive 90% of their sales. The fee for an informational booth for not-for-profit organizations is \$25 which could be waived if the group provides eight or more volunteer man hours to the event. The fee for crafters and other vendors selling wares is \$50.

Food Booth Suggestions

Suggestions for organizations would be to sell water, juice, pop, snow cones, taffy, cotton candy, corn on the cob, watermelon wedges, hot dogs, peanuts, taffy, ice cream, brats and barbecue. Once signed up for a particular food item, no other group will be allowed to duplicate that food item. The Events Committee will rent a large tent for the food booths and would apply for a blanket permit from the McHenry County Health Dept.

Game/Activity Suggestions

Game/activity suggestions: three legged race, spoon and sugar race, hoop race, feed the birds, milk bottle throw, ducks in a tub, fishing pond, water fights, pie eating contest (Kelly's will supply pies), chalk drawing contests, face painting, hair braiding, bingo, cake walk, guess weight/age/occupation, moonwalk, clothes pin drop, water balloons, photographer with old fashioned props, dunk tank, antique tractors and fire trucks, chair rental, apple dunking, petting zoo, arts and crafts area for kids, Kathy Leonard Pony Rides, some type of themed contest, balloon animals, bingo and water fights.

Open Discussion

- ☞ Harvard Main Street will sign up for the duck game.
- ☞ Pastor Roger Sass will look into the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry bringing up their mobile kitchen unit to sell hot dogs; proceeds would to the disaster relief ministry.
- ☞ Harvard Fire Assoc. asked the Committee to consider hosting the country fair later in the fall when not so much is going on. Alderman Logan noted that the date was pretty well set, but the Committee would take it under advisement at their next meeting. The Fire Department will look into having water fights and will take on the dunk tank and will provide cooling fans.
- ☞ Nick Damiano, New Life Pentecostal Church signed up to sell hamburgers. At Nick's inquiry, Wanda noted that the Events Committee is looking to rent a large tent for all the food vendors. Each organization would have to provide the equipment and manpower necessary to run their booth.
- ☞ Milk Center 4-H would like to have a petting zoo. The Committee discussed providing a separate hand washing station by the animals.
- ☞ The Events Committee is looking into entertainment such as a strolling banjo group, juggler who makes balloon animals and a battle of the bands.
- ☞ The deadline for organization proposals to participate is April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Events Committee phone and fax is (815)333-2146

At 8:00 p.m., moved by Marzahl, seconded by Logan to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:  
Lori Moller, Secretary