

**EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2009 – 5:00 P.M.**

Chairman Logan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Committee members present: Scott Logan, Lori Moller, Wanda Marzahl, Crystal Musgrove, Cathy Pescinski and Barb Rowe. Members Bill Clow, Rebecca Gabrys and Judyanne Grandmaison were absent. Also present was Sandy Nolan.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Sandy Nolan updated the Committee on preparations for the 2009 Santa's Gift Shoppe. Expenses to date are \$1,132. Most of the presents have been purchased for men, women and infants. Sandy suggested having a larger space than last year. The Committee discussed possible locations: Central School, City Hall or the City Council chambers and possibly Starline for Visit With Santa. Sandy noted her goal to get more young volunteers involved in the Committee. Also discussed having a separate event for the Tree Lighting and having the Christmas in Harvard the weekend after Thanksgiving. The Committee will finalize details for Christmas in Harvard at our next Events Committee Meeting Agenda. Crystal suggested having gifts available at the Gift Shoppe for pets; perhaps Pound Bakery would donate treats.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 02/17/09 -APPROVED**

Moved by Marzahl, seconded by Rowe to approve the Events Committee Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2009, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - APPROVED**

There was no Treasurer's Report.

**ART FAIR**

- Cathy and Lori updated the Committee on their meeting with Dale Sinderson and recommended that the date be changed from June 27<sup>th</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup> because there just isn't sufficient time to put together a fine art show between now and June. Additionally, fall might be a better time of the year for an art fair. This date doesn't conflict with anything the Chamber is planning and Fall Diddley is Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to change the date of the art fair to Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- Suggestions for the name of the art fair were: Fall for Art and Arts in the Ayer, Arts on the Ayer.
- Dale Sinderson has already talked to Laura Evers at First Place Products about ribbons and is working with Starline to have their art gallery open on the same day.
- Dale is working on a brochure and is also looking into having local musicians play (John Gaffney, Katie Bendorf), but doesn't know yet if they would perform free or if there would be a cost for them to perform.
- Crystal reported that Amy Stahl gave permission to have chalk art in their parking lot, but said no to the inflatable bouncy house.
- Scott stated that local artist Vivian Ginsberg-Smith is not available for our Committee Meetings, but has expressed interest in being involved in the art fair. The sub-committee will be in contact with Vivian as well as H'arts and the Northwest Area Arts Council.
- Other areas that the sub-committee is looking at is the chalking contest for kids and having an artist doing some sort of art education for kids.
- The sub-committee would like to proceed with ribbons and purchase awards as prizes. The purchased art could be used for the Events Committee and/or donated to other organizations as a raffle item.

Crystal suggested having a volunteer sign-up list at the Expo for Christmas in Harvard and other Event Committee events. Cathy noted that Expo would also be a great way of obtaining e-mail addresses so we could use e-mail blasting as a way of advertising. Scott will talk to the Mayor about the concept.

**MURDER MYSTERY**

Scott reported on his research to host a professionally done murder mystery which would cost between \$2,000 - \$3,000 or a \$40-\$75 per attendee. This would not include costs for hall rental, food or entertainment. The Committee discussed using the Madrigals, the Harvard Players if they are still active or other groups to perform the murder mystery. Another suggestion was to set up a "Clue" style evening where various scenes are set up; this could be a more casual kind of event which wouldn't necessarily have to have a sit down dinner. The general consensus was to table the event for now.

At 5:40 p.m., moved by Moller, seconded by Marzahl to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by:  
Lori Moller, Secretary