

CALL TO ORDER – Co-Chair Jaci Stokes called the meeting @ 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL – In attendance were Jaci Stokes, Donna & Jim Mason, Mike Marasco, Janet Talbot, Dot Abbott, Erin Nieli, Tracy Johovic, Alexis Richardson, Doug Dennison, Seth Greenberg, Carlton & Cheryl Kenley.

Jaci Stokes & Donna Mason will co-chair the committee. Janet has agreed to continue as our Treasurer. Dot agreed to continue to serve as Secretary. Jim will handle Entertainment and Erin agreed to continue as our Publicity Chair.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – APPROVED

TREASURER’S REPORT – Janet noted that as of the 2018 Peach Festival we had \$1,638.87 in our saving account. A recent deposit of \$50 was added. Current balance is \$1,688.87.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Crafters, Vendors – Donna and Jaci will co-chair this committee. The group reviewed three ‘application’ handouts that Jim has updated (*Community Organizations, Crafters & Vendors, and Food Vendors*) and we provided him with edits. Donna’s mom suggested that we purchase some large trash bags and provide one to each of the crafters & vendors who are participating in the event, to help reduce ‘after-Festival’ clean-up needs. The Young Marines have asked for a FREE space, but want to help us with set-up and break-down activities. DeMolay has also made this request.

Entertainment – Jim and Mike will investigate the possibility of a new band for entertainment. The Peach Festival Band is ‘on-board’ for the day. Jim is hoping the Dover High School Drum Band will participate this year. Jack Foraker has agreed to participate. It was noted that after the results from the Peach Dessert Contest were announced, most of the participants left and not many were at the platform for the remaining entertainers. Jim questioned if we should have music after 2:30 pm or hold the Dessert Contest result announcement until 2:30 and bring back music for another ½ hour. We noted there needs to be a place for folks to sit down, eat and listen to the entertainment on the Platform ... maybe under some type of canopy. Jim asked Alexis if she would be interested in being in the Ana costume – she will get back to him. Tracy helps at the Dover Skating Rink and has some costumes. She will work with Jim.

Parking & Busses – Jaci will work on this later. Lisa Dawson is our contact. The price for busses has increased. We will use the same route. No parking will be allowed for the entertainers next to the Railroad tracks – almost had an accident with the passing train this past year. We need to go to the Wyoming Town Council Meeting in March to ask for two spots. Donna and Jim will handle this. It was also noted that last year, three trains came through town during the Festival. One just a few minutes AFTER the last parade participant had crossed the tracks ... and the trains were not going slow!!!! As of today, we have not received a bill from DELDOT for rental of the cones last year and do not know what the price will be for this year.

Volunteers – Donna will continue to organize our volunteers. Mayor Rife has volunteered all the Council members to provide at least one time slot in the Information Booth.

Peach Dessert Contest – No report

Parade – It is imperative that each parade applicant MUST be given a ‘designated’ spot and held responsible for only that spot – no last minute changes in the line-up! Fire Police are needed to help make sure everyone adheres to this rule. Seth suggested giving numbers to each parade participant to tell them where their spot is located.

Police – No report

Publicity – Erin noted that she has already been contacted by the Cape Gazette and will follow the same procedure as she did last year.

NEW BUSINESS – At the end of last year we agreed to raise the **price for vendors & crafters to \$50/spot** and **\$130/spot for food vendors – which will also include three meal tickets/coupons**. The meal coupons are to be used for the Fire Police to get a FREE meal at the Festival. Jaci noted that International Grill has been participating at this Festival for 24 years. It was suggested that we take all the meal tickets/coupons and place them in one box, allowing the individual Fire Police to ‘draw’ one coupon from the box – keeping the exact vendor concealed prior to the drawing. Another suggestion discussed was to discontinue giving food tickets to the Fire Police and provide another means of ‘Thank You’ for their assistance. **Political organizations have in the past provided a donation for their spot, we will now include the following statement on their application: “Minimum donation of \$25.00”**. All applications MUST BE received to the Wyoming Peach Festival Committee by July 1st. We now have a new .gmail account and it will be connected to the Town of Wyoming’s website. Last year we spent almost \$300 in postage relating to Festival applications. All applications this year will be via Email, only! Our Face book account is active and updated by Jim and Erin. We have already included information in Festival files for 132 vendors from last year. We are missing some email addresses and phone numbers. Last year our P.O. Box rental fee was \$96/year. It is now \$106/year. Since we are not set-up to receive credit cards or PayPal, we need to retain the P.O. Box to receive application checks/payment. We’ll revisit the P.O. Box rental after the 2019 Festival, with possible changes to Mail Zone or a similar vendor. Mike Quinn has received a check from the Peach Festival Committee to redo our large wooden Peach signs by July 1st. The Peach Festival is open for Community Service. Mike will contact the Lion’s Club & Leo Club @ CR for potential participation. Erin noted that she was approached a few times last year by folks asking “Where are all the Peaches?” It was discussed that each vendor/crafter will be asked to display some type of “Peach Connection”. Dot will contact Nancy Tieman to see if she would do a “Historical Peach Festival Reading” from the platform – possibly just prior to the Dessert Contest Award announcement. We also talked about maybe Russ McCabe giving a history of the Peach industry in Delaware.

2019 CALENDAR – Peach Festival Committee meetings: **3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17** ... all @ 7:00 p.m.
July 1 = all vendor & parade applications due
July 1 = Large wooden Peach signs updated & ready to be placed around town
July 18 = order dumpster
July 30 = Put string on the signs & discuss last minute details/needs
August 1 = Place signs around the street locations
August 2 = 8:00 am ... start marking vendor spaces = meet at Town Hall
August 3 = 2019 Town of Wyoming Peach Festival

Adjourn@ 8:20 pm

Respectively submitted by Dot Abbott

Addition to minutes as of Laura Connor on 3/11/19: “The state contract only allows A-1 Sanitation and Arrow leasing at this time – they both expire Feb 2020. We currently are using Arrow leasing at the Park (\$75 per month vs. \$145 per month with Clean Delaware) and have had a wonderful experience working with them”. Her email update is: lconnor@wyomingde.com