

CALL TO ORDER –Donna Mason called the meeting @ 5:30 pm

ROLL CALL – In attendance were Donna Mason, Jim Mason, Julia Ellerbusch, Jane Sweeney, Chief Baker, Mike Marasco, Michael Wooleyhand, Roseann Lamar, Cathy George and Audrey Lindale.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – APPROVED (Mrs. Lindale motioned with a second from Mrs. Lamar.)

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – Approved (Mrs. Lindale motioned with a second from Mrs. Lamar.)

Treasurer’s Report:

- Mr. Wooleyhand advised that balance at beginning of year was \$8,815.75. After invoices received are paid there is a balance of \$13,037.12.

New Business:

- Peach Festival
 - Date of Event: 8/3/2024
 - **Budget** – Mr. Wooleyhand presented the final budget for 2023. Budget shows that \$13,052.12 was collected and \$10,009.47 was paid out, leaving a balance of \$3,042.65. Mr. Wooleyhand presented a proposed budget for 2024 compared to last year’s actual amounts.
 - **Crafters, Vendors -**
 - Applications are completed and will be sent out to interested parties by end of the week.
 - Applications do include a “permission” line to give their information out to the public after the festival.
 - Had inquiry about home baked goods. A call was placed to Dept of Health and vendor would be required to have all the necessary paperwork like food vendors and TFE would be required.
 - Donna stated that we may need to increase the amount of food tickets asked from food vendors to cover the fire police and police officers.
 - Discussion ensued regarding Alex’s lemonade stand and whether they are a food or community. It was decided as it is for charity they would remain a community.
 - A petting zoo inquired regarding setting up at festival. Discussion ensued and committee will look further into this for next meeting.
 - Audrey advised that Bouncer Boys would be here with a 40ft obstacle course, and owners will be around to monitor. Mr. Marasco asked about waivers- Audrey will reach out to Bouncer Boys.
 - **Entertainment**
 - Committee gave a budget of \$3500 for entertainment. Mr. Marasco will be working on schedule.
 - Storytime will be peach themed and take place under tree at Deep Water Church.
 - QR code and signs regarding entertainment will be placed throughout festival.
 - Seating at platform for entertainment- spare picnic tables no longer available. Will need a solution for seating. Mr. Marasco suggested plastic foldable benches for easy

storage. Suggested to add umbrellas as well for shade. Town staff will look into options for pricing.

○ **Parking and Busses**

- Mr. Marasco advised that lot off Southern Blvd is available for vendor parking- signs to be placed at end of road.
- Handicap will be at Pippins.
- Donna will contact Dawson about buses.
- Donna asked if we could make a map for where the no parking signs go so that they can be handed out to volunteers when hanging signs.
- Mr. Pippin called to advise they would need access to their new crematory as the refrigeration is in that building and can only access from Broad St. entrance. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the driveway would not be blocked but road would be closed. Mr. Pippin would be given an officer's phone number and if needed, officer would direct food traffic to allow the hearse to get out and back in.

○ **Volunteers**

- Audrey will post for volunteers and community application still states donation or 2 hours of volunteer time.

○ **Peach Dessert Contest**

- Audrey recommended having a 1st and 2nd place in youth division rather than everyone getting a small monetary prize. Donna advised that in the past there was no division of youth from adults.
- Discussion ensued regarding youth receiving cash prizes. It was discussed to give Visa gift cards instead of cash to the youth winners.

○ **Parade**

- Parade was discussed as it was cancelled last year due to low participation. The committee determined that we will no longer host a parade.

○ **Police**

- Chief Baker advised he would contact fire police and other officers to assist with traffic and crowd control.
- Discussion ensued regarding traffic on Railroad Ave. Mr. Marasco recommended a one way traffic flow around festival. Chief Baker advised that he would discuss with Mike from DeIDOT on the best way to handle the traffic issues.
- Chief Baker advised that he would be out of town but Sgt. Wiley would be here and in charge. Everything would be arranged prior to Chief leaving.

○ **Publicity**

- Town staff will handle publicity.

○ **Raffle**

- Audrey advised that herself and Tracy had already been talking and forming a list for possible donations.

Adjourn @ 6:40 pm

Respectively submitted by Audrey Lindale