Montgomery Township Autumn Festival Committee Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2011



At 6:50 p.m. Co-Chairman Ruth Hardin called the Autumn Festival meeting to order. Ruth Hardin, Sue Dessner, Candyce Chimera, Stacy Crandell, Katherine Grubb and Sharon Tucker were in attendance.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The April 13, 2011 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

5k Run:

Stacy Crandell reminded the committee that since Tony Ruggieri, 5K Run liaison, was not able to join the committee to discuss the 5K Run that he would plan a separate meeting for discussion and planning. Once Stacy Crandell is in receipt of a few meeting dates and times, she will invite the committee members to attend. Also, it was confirmed that the Fire Department of Montgomery Township (FDMT) will be helping with the 5K Run. Candyce Chimera added that the FDMT was interested in running their own 5k Run around the same time and when they found out about the Autumn Festival 5K they seized the opportunity to assist.

Civil War Reenactment - Lunch:

Stacy Crandell received confirmation from the Civil War Reenactment Representative that the group is aware and accepted that they would not be provided a lunch during Autumn Festival. The Reenactment Group will still receive the allocated \$350 donation for their participation in the event.

Scarecrow Clothes:

Stacy Crandell stated that the Township currently has 83 long-sleeved shirts and 100 pants to make scarecrows. The Township is aiming to have around 200 of both shirts and pants as last year they only had 150 of each and still ran out. On the 3rd Friday of the month, the Care & Share Clothing Store has a discounted sale where each article of clothing is \$0.50 and the Township will be planning a few more trips to take advantage of this opportunity. In addition, there is a box in the lobby to accept clothes and the need for clothes has been advertised via E-News, the Cable Channel and on the Township website.

Ruth Hardin questioned whether or not the Township would accept old baseball uniforms. The committee found that to be a fun idea and noted that children would like to make baseball player scarecrows. Additionally, Ruth Hardin asked if Bull Frogs and Butterflies had been asked to donate anything. Candyce Chimera said that she would contact the owner of Bull Frogs and Butterflies and see if they have an interest in participating in Autumn Festival.

Donations/Consultants:

Stacy Crandell confirmed that the Township has received \$2400 in donations to date and has 8 sponsors. However, none of those donations were from the Township's consultants. Stacy Crandell reached out to John Chambers and provided his company the appropriate forms should he wish to

donate. Candyce Chimera said she would follow up with the consultants and their participation. Ruth Hardin confirmed that she will have a donation check next month.

Corsello's Kenpo Karate Demonstration:

Corsello's Kenpo Karate not only made a donation to Autumn Festival but they would like to put on a demonstration. Last year, Supervisor Birch coordinated a group known as the Dragon Dancers to provide the demonstration. It was asked to the committee if there would be an issue if Corsello's Kenpo Karate performed a demonstration. Candyce Chimera felt that having them participate at Autumn Festival would not be a problem and advised that Stacy to continue with their participation.

National Anthem Singers-Neshaminy Falls Singers:

Ruth Hardin announced that the Neshaminy Fall Singers has a new director but will probably be on board for this year. Ruth Hardin will follow up with them in the next couple of weeks to confirm their commitment.

NEW BUSINESS

Food Vendors:

Stacy Crandell stated that 4 food vendors have been secured. In years previous to last year, there used to be vendor specific to a particular food, i.e. 1 pizza vendor, etc. The only complaints the committee has ever received were from one or two of the food vendors, not any of the residents or attendees of the festival. This year there are two vendors who are selling slightly different food but are both labeled as "pizza" restaurants. The committee didn't feel that having more than one vendor of the same type of food would be an issue. Ruth Hardin inquired if Chick-Fil-A or Maggie Moo's submitted vendor forms. Stacy Crandell reported that neither make up the 4 food vendors. The other 2 food vendors are Rita's Water Ice and the company who makes Funnel Cakes.

Vendors

Katherine Grubb reported that there were 12 vendors and confirmed that Stacy Crandell contacted all of last year's vendors about their participation for this year. Ruth Hardin did acknowledge that vendors typically respond late but that the committee seemed to be ahead of where they were at last year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Candyce Chimera will continue to work on donations and sponsorships.

Sue Hardin will contact Tony Ruggieri with MTBSA to have him send an email out to baseball members for old uniforms to donate as scarecrow clothes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Co-Chairman Ruth Hardin adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The next Autumn Festival meeting will be on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. at the Township Building.