

Hyde Park Community Collaborative Group

1/10/2012 6:30 p.m. Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dan Regan: HPES School Board, LFC Chairperson, JSC Dean; Duncan Tingle: “observer” Laraway School Board Chair; Mike Ford: Pastor of Second Congregational Church, Habitat for Humanity, Lamoille Co. Prevention Campaign; Carl Fortune: Hyde Park Historical Society; Julie Rohleder: Lanpher Library Trustee, Hyde Park Community Circle, Town Lister; Dan Young: Hyde park Planning Commission, Hyde Park Community Circle; Enid Rosenblum: Lamoille County Players; Heather Freeman: Partners in Education; Jim Heath: Hyde Park Select Board Chair; Judy Clark: Hyde Park Community Circle, Apple Cheek Farm; Charlie Aronovici: Village Trustees and Hyde Park Village Improvement Association

HPES School Board/LFC and JSC:

Dan Regan welcomed other community groups to connect with the organizations he represents, including with students studying History at Johnson State College.

Second Congregational Church:

Mike Ford reported that the Church is interested in doing more community minded activities and that they connected with the library and HPES for food drive.

Hyde Park Historical Society:

Carl Fortune said that they are putting a lot into the restoration of the Grange Hall. They do not have regular meetings in the winter. They had more involvement with HPES and would like to do more. They continue to have problems with membership and that Carolyn Jones might be stepping down as president. They seem to be active within the group of members who meet, but haven’t reached out into the community and want more young people to get involved. The Hyde Park Historical Society continues to host “Old Timer’s Night” and need to finish the fire escape for the Grange.

Hyde Park Planning Commission:

Dan Young reported that they are responsible for writing the Town Plan and are in the process of combining the Town and the Village Plans.

Hyde Park Community Circle:

Dan Young said that their goal is to promote and bring the community together. They have 4 events each year: March=Puppet Show, Summer=Ice Cream Social, September=Hyde Park Home Day, December=Lighting Ceremony. They are always looking for members.

Judy Clark is also a member of the Community Circle, but reported that as a representative of Applecheek Farm, community is important and they offer events to involve community at the farm. She thought Front Porch Forum would help promote communication and opportunities to know about what is going on in Hyde Park.

Lamoille County Players:

Enid Rosenblum reported that the Annual Meeting is on January 25th at 6:00 at the Stonegrill. 2012 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Opera House in addition to the 4 shows this year, they are having extra activities starting in March to celebrate such as Rusty Dewees, George Woodard and the Ground Hog Opry, Walter Hacks, clowns, variety shows to highlight the history of the Opera House, etc. The LCP Board has had the stage floor refinished, and restoration continues on the Opera House. Air conditioning is a possibility.

Partners in Education:

Heather Freeman let us know that they are working toward a talent show hoping to have it at the Opera House again this year on April 12th. They are looking for members and meet the 2nd Wednesday/month in the HPES library. They ran children's activities at Hyde Park Home Day and want to get the school into the community and the community into the school.

Select Board:

Jim Heath reported that he appreciates the communication in the community. There is a new Town Administrator, Ron Rodjenski. There have been some funds raised toward Front Porch Forum. Jim promotes the restoration of the grange and would like to see the North Village busy again.

Aside from Select Board, Jim said that he would like to start a genealogy club and stressed the need to keep changing to keep the community alive and pull kids into activity in the community.

Village Improvement Association:

Charlie Aronovici stated that he thinks these meetings are valuable and informative. The Improvement Association is 102 years old. They are purchasing 3 "doggie waste" stations to be located on Mais St. 1) Prospect and Main 2) Main and Courthouse Square 3) Commonwealth and Main.

Duncan Tingle said that the clock repairs on the Court House clock are still in progress. It cannot be wound by hand, and problem solving continues about how to get the mercury switch repaired.

Board of Trustees of the Village of Hyde Park

Charlie Aronovici reminded us that the Trustees meet two times each month. 1 meeting to handle water and electric department. The other is for other goals such as attracting people and families to the Village, preparing a vision for the Village to bring business to the community. Meetings are open to the public and are 8:00 a.m. 4th Wednesday of the month at Sweet Crunch.

Lanpher Library

Amy Olsen talked about "Take Your Child to the Library Day" on Feb. 4th and invited any groups to come and do something fun and inviting to children.

Front Porch Forum

Discussion about Front Porch Forum in Hyde Park:

There is a \$2500 one time initial fee.

Advertisers don't seem interested.

Ideas about benefits of this type of localized social networking were

*reaching out to homebound seniors *lost dog *school closings *church events *items of community interest

Front Porch Forum will likely be discussed at Town Meeting.