

**Hyde Park Community Circle Meeting Minutes**  
**March 7, 2016**

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**Attendees**

Present: Everett Dickinson, Susan Hayes, Deborah Henderson, Teresa Farquharson, Antonia Kontos, Julie Rohleder and Marilyn Zophar.

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**Think Spring  
Vendor Request**

The circle received an email from Gail Rushford, a representative of Barefoot Books. She saw our Think Spring event post in Front Porch Forum and asked if she could have a display at the event featuring her farm and garden-related books and provide a simple craft. The circle decided we want to keep this a free event. It was felt that this would be better suited for Home Day. Teresa will contact her and suggest she participate in our Home Day event.

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**Think Spring  
Grant Request**

Antonia reported she gave Kim Moulton, town treasurer, a copy of the grant application. After we get the bill from No Strings Marionette and pay it, we need to get a copy of the bill and cashed check to Kim. We also need to do a write up on the event (grant report). These will be presented at the select board meeting in April where we will hopefully get approval for reimbursement.

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**Think Spring  
Sponsors**

Everett reported that we decided not to ask for sponsorship from Dave Bothfield and Karen Siddell, Bailey's Flower Shop owners, at this time due to their recovering from the business fire. Judy Clark emailed an update on 7 sponsors. They include Silver Ridge Design, Norm & Betty Andrews, Robert's Landscaping, Zack Woods Herb Farm, All Paws On Deck, Demars Properties and Bees' Dance Medicinal Herb Farm. She will get checks to Deb to be deposited.

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**Think Spring  
Planning**

Antonia reported the Stowe Reporter's deadline for event listings is always Friday at 5. She will submit an event listing with the names of the sponsors for this coming Thursday. Antonia will put up a poster at HPES.

Marilyn reported the seedlings are all set. She will ask master gardener Denise Greene if she will participate in the event. Marilyn brings extra soil, little pots, tarps for the floor and table. She has the flash drive with the PowerPoint presentation on it. Antonia will pick it up and do a test drive of it to make sure it is ready for the event.

Antonia is still looking for people to make cupcakes. Rhonda Griswold and Susan Hayes agreed to make cupcakes.

Teresa reported on the Hannaford's and Price Chopper's donations. Hannaford has been very generous to the circle. They will give us a donation in goods if we request it with a letter. Price Chopper gives a \$25 one-time per year donation. Susan will pick up the 4 gallons of cider and 3 gallons of chocolate milk at Hannaford the morning of the event. Antonia will get a gallon of white milk and string cheese.

We need to check with Judy to see if she has cups.

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**Think Spring  
Planning  
continued**

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Antonia put an event post on Front Porch Forum and asked for cupcake makers. Teresa also did a post on March 4. Marilyn will do a post on March 11 or 12. Susan will do a post on March 15 or 16 and Antonia will do a final event post on March 18.

Antonia will make cucumber sandwiches and Julie will make apple butter sandwiches.

Antonia will call the radio station on Tuesday.

Antonia spoke with Evan at HPES. They will have trash bins set up, including ones for composting. Antonia spoke with Melissa Piscitelli at the middle school. Ten youths will help with crafts and beverages and clean up the day of the event.

Teresa will do a write up for the newspaper.

Deb and Antonia will take care of completing the grant write-up.

The theme is a sea treasure hunt. Antonia suggested a jelly fish craft using paper bowls, streamers, googly eyes, string, glue, markers. Terry is also working on craft ideas. There will be bookmark and stamped cards to make also.

People helping with set up should be there by 9:30 a.m. Marilyn will arrive at 9 a.m. to help get things started. People can bring washcloths and cleaning supplies for cleanup. Marilyn brings a trash can liner.

Deb will check with Judy to see if she has the donation baskets. We would like to have greeters and the greeters book at the double doors to let people know what activities are available, where they are set up and ask people to sign the greeters book.

Susan and her husband will design a poster. We give one per family at HPES and hang one up at the library, post offices in Hyde Park and North Hyde Park, country store by Great Big Graphics and gas station on 100C in Johnson.

Deb suggested the library might like to do something at Think Spring related to their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Julie will talk with Amy about it.

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**Home Day  
Planning  
Update**

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John Clark has engaged “Girls’ Night Out.” He is looking for a performer during their break for about 30 minutes.

Judy is waiting to hear back from Bishop Marshall and ReSource. We are asking if they can set up a miniature golf course and old fashion games, respectively.

John will organize the parade again this year but he wants it to be his last. He would like to work with someone this year who is willing to take it over next year. Marilyn suggested Deirdre and Any Beaupre. Teresa will contact them and see if they would be willing to shadow John this year with the plan to take the lead in 2017.

Amy Olson asked if we could do something for Home Day to commemorate the library’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was suggested a float would be a great idea, perhaps with people dressed up as their favorite book character (e.g. Pippi Longstocking, Harry Potter).

**Event  
Co-chairs**

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We completed naming co-chairs for all four events this year. The co-chairs are:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Co-chair</b>	<b>Co-chair</b>
Think Spring	3/19	Antonia Kontos	Susan Hayes
Jedidiah Ice Cream Social	7/18	John Clark	Dan Young
Home Day	9/17	Teresa Farquharson	Susan Hayes
Lighting Ceremony	12/2	Teresa Farquharson	Deb Henderson