

Hyde Park Community Circle Meeting
September 2, 2015
Met at Fitch Hill Inn

Attendees

Present: John Clark, Judy Clark, Everett Dickenson, Teresa Farquharson, Deb Henderson, Marilyn May, Susan Moore, Julie Rohleder, Olea Smith-Kaland, Dan Young and Marilyn Zophar.

**Jr. Naturalist
Program Donation
Approved**

We received a letter from Amy Olsen of the Lanpher Memorial Library. The circle donates to one of their programs each year. **The circle moved and seconded to donate \$50 to the Jr. Naturalist Program.**

**Town Tea Tent
Planning**

Sue Moore and Marilyn May joined us tonight to discuss the planning for the town tea tent during home day. Sue gave an update on their progress to date. Due to the move to the Elsa French Park this year, there is some concern that the lawn is not level enough for the tea tent. It was decided some of the circle will meet at the property to consider other options with a more level ground.

They will need electricity and will have to run the cords from the house. The Elsa French Park house does have electricity but no water. They are waiting to hear back from Carol Robertson.

The circle discussed the available containers to hold water for tea and water for washing the dishes. John and Judy have two 5 gallon coolers. Teresa has one 3 gallon cooler, one beverage dispenser and another dispenser. Marilyn Z. has a 3 gallon cooler and two Cambro containers. They also need more tea kettles. Marilyn May will shop for one.

Set up will be done Friday afternoon at 4 p.m., September 18. Sue will pick up the items from Marilyn Z. Friday afternoon. They need help setting up the tea tent. They have used three canopies. Teresa and Twig have two checkerboard tables and some chairs that can be used also. John, Marilyn, Dan, Teresa and Twig will help with set up. Julie will drop white folding chairs off on the lawn. There is a kid's table and benches. They are still looking for people to serve tea. Several names were suggested. Sue and Marilyn M. will contact them.

**Town Tea Tent
Planning continued**

Tea tent hours will be 11:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Gail and Greg Deuso and Adam Lory (Marilyn M. will ask Adam) may be available for cleanup . The tents, tables and chairs will go to Marilyn Z's.

Some of the circle will meet on Thursday, September 3 around 5 to check out the lawn and see if anything could be done about the uneven ground.

**Meeting with
Sheriff**

John and Dan will meet with the Sheriff's office at 4 on Thursday, September 3.

**WLVB Remote
Broadcast**

Teresa contacted WLVB to see if they would do a remote broadcast the day of the event. While this typically costs \$750 or \$400-\$500 for non-profits, they agreed to do it for free because we are their neighbors. Teresa will contact them and work out the logistics. It was suggested someone check out the electrical pole outside the courthouse to see if it is available for use.

Judy and Marilyn Z. will contact Roland Lajoie from WLVB to work out a day and time to be interviewed on air.

News & Citizen

Teresa sent Carmen Audet some information re the home day event. Please keep in mind sending info to Carmen for her column in the News and Citizen.

Rain Location

The rain location will be the Hyde Park Elementary School.

Updates

Julie contacted Rita Lahoullier and George Cook. Both agreed to donate maple syrup for the raffle.

Deb contacted TD Bank but they haven't responded yet. Judy asked Deb to follow up in person.

Deb will stop in to Leisure World for follow-up.

GMTCC will again raffle a picnic table and have an info booth.

Grant House is a no. Shelley, the wife of the chiropractor may have a booth – they sell garlic. We don't have a form from them yet.

Updates continued

The spinner can't be under the quilt canopy due to lack of space. Judy thinks the cow canopy is still available and could be used for Cheryl, the spinner.

Teresa has three canopies. She will use one or two for the Thank You table.

The raffle table will be near the Thank You table. Teresa and Marilyn Z. will be in charge of the raffle this year.

Governor's House is still unsure if their lawn can be used due to the dryness of the grass. Teresa will speak with Suzanne to see if this has changed.

The antique cars and the tractor rides will occur on the street in front of the Governor's House.

Teresa reported the 4H said they would participate.

Everett reported the Boy Scouts are not available on the 19th of September.

John has a tractor for the Military Band and is trying to get a truck from McMahons. Teresa agreed to follow-up with McMahons.

Lane's Computer Repair will have a small children's activity.

Still no response from Diane Reilly re the 6th grade band.

Marilyn Z. will ask the HP Energy Committee if they will have the electric car there.

Deb will follow-up in person again with Madadashcar. They said they wanted to participate but we do not yet have a completed form from them.

We are hoping the food vendors can go around the Demars property. Some circle members will look at the Demars property for a possible location change for the tea tent.

We received a gift certificate from P. H. Edwards. Marilyn Z. agreed to help them with creating a scavenger hunt.

Updates continued

Dan reported that Fred's is happy to have the fire safety truck there and will allow use of their electricity and dumpster. They will clear out all the cars beforehand.

Dan has reserved the town sound system.

Dan and John will meet with Chris Watson of the Sheriff's Dept. at 4 on September 3.

Greg Paus will work with us on the signs.

Inserts will go into the electrical bill.

Carolyn Chauvin of Hope Grows said she would love to have a horse or horses in the parade. They have a little chariot and she sounded open to having students also ride horses in the parade. They will also have an info booth.

Sweet Crunch donated a coffee mug for the raffle.

John hasn't heard back from Casella yet. He will follow-up again.

Olea agreed to follow-up with Polow and Polow. We haven't received their form or the sponsorship money as yet.

Judy reported we have the HPES gymnasium if we need it due to rain.

Judy asked for someone to review the evaluation form. Teresa agreed to review it.

Those checking out the area tomorrow will look for the best place to have announcers. Elsa French Park, corner of Commonwealth and Main Street will be the epicenter of the event.

Marketing

Dan will take care of the road signs and posters. Judy was going to ask Antonia if she could put up some marketing materials at HPES. Dan will put some marketing materials at LUMS, LUHS and GMTCC.

Teresa will post a blurb in the Front Porch Forum. Marilyn M. and Sue will do a tea tent blurb. Deb will also help with social media posts. She will contact Gail Deuso again to see if she can be added as an administrator of the Hyde Park Community Circle Facebook page.

HPCC Clothing

Marilyn Z. said we need to order more HPCC t-shirts and sweatshirts. Circle members should contact Dan with their size if they need one or both. Cutting Edge does them.

Sponsors

To date, we have \$615 in sponsorships. Judy turned the checks over to Deb, the treasurer, for deposit.

Next Meeting

The next circle meeting is September 14, 2015 at **4:00 p.m.** Meet at Elsa French Park to review the location. The meeting will follow the scout out. Julie will confirm if the library is available.
