

Hyde Park Community Circle Meeting October 5, 2015

Attendees

Present: John Clark, Judy Clark, Everett Dickenson, Teresa Farquharson, Deb Henderson, Terry MacWilliams and Marilyn Zophar.

Another Lesson from the Geese

Judy shared the story of what the geese do when the lead goose gets tired. When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation, and another goose flies to the point position. The lesson, - It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.

Thank You to HPCC

We received a thank you note from the Lanpher Library for our sponsorship of their nature program. We are the sponsors of the January 2016 program, "Bears, Bears, Bears."

Additional Home Day Expenses

Judy told people to submit expense receipts for Home Day expenses to treasurer, Deb Henderson. Even expenses that are paid for as a donation should be submitted so our records can accurately reflect the costs of our events. Deb will note where items are donated and we'll still have a record of what an event cost including any donated items which may not be donated in a future event.

Home Day Evaluations

Deb Henderson tallied and shared the results of the Home Day evaluations. The committee discussed the results, mostly positive, and made note of recommendations, changes for future Home Day events.

Teresa suggested assigning a HPCC volunteer to stick with a handful of vendors for the whole event and day. This would hopefully provide better service to the vendors and minimize too many volunteers contacting the same vendor.

Teresa suggested sharing cellphone numbers with each other which would enable us to call each other during the event if a problem arises or help is needed.

2016 is the Lanpher Memorial Library's 100th anniversary. We may want to consider this being a big part of the 2016 Home Day theme.

**Home Day
Evaluations
continued**

More trash cans are needed during the event. We want to have recycling bins as well next year. Perhaps four bins for each location. Marilyn Z. suggested we talk to Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District. Judy said they could ask Kyle. They do the Tuesday Night Live bins.

Approximately 15 people participated in the scavenger hunt held at P. H. Edwards. There were prizes.

Marilyn said she loved the new location for the event, especially the entertainment close to the road.

Deb suggested sponsors that have a booth be given a prime location.

Judy wondered if the Call to Participate gave the impression that people had to pay for a spot. This is not the intent and perhaps the Call to Participate should be clearer.

Deb asked if we had plans to publish the raffle winners. Everett suggested we give the winning names and items to Carmen Audet and the News & Citizen for publication. Teresa will post the winners in a Front Porch Forum post.

The parade had a nice flow. John felt pretty good about the parade. He was disappointed when a band cancelled at the last minute. There had been a lot of coordination to get a truck and trailer for the band. Someone suggested the parade should start at the school and go down Main Street. It worked well to have the announcements started before the parade. If we had cellphones, we could talk with each other easier from one end of the street to the other. Would be good to get the speaker system turned on earlier. A pedestrian sign is bolted in the road, so it was hard for the wagon and the fire trucks to maneuver around it. John will try to get the sheriff's department to remove it for the event.

Teresa suggested we consider positioning radios or speakers up and down the street so people could hear the announcements better. GMTCC will give you equipment to use if you get trained on it. Possibly we could ask them to wire Main Street for that day. This could allow people up and down the street to hear WLVB and the entertainment.

**Home Day
Evaluations
continued**

We need to consider having two people do face painting next year. This would give each of them a chance to take a break and still have face painting available for the entire event.

It was suggested HPES be asked next year to have a whole bunch of their students on a school bus for the parade. Deb said Diane Reilly, HPES principal, did march in the parade with the HPES mascot, the hawk. Apparently they had not committed to marching in the parade but did come at the last minute.

Judy asked Everett if he would be willing to train people how to do the balloon animals to help him out.

Judy wants the HPCC to do the organizational part of the event and to get more helpers from outside the committee and to get some of the younger population involved. Sue Moore suggested asking people to do a specific job. They could take three vendors and follow them throughout the day.

Teresa mentioned Twig will make some metal circles (to represent the HPC "Circle") to put in the raffle cups so they don't blow away. They could also be used as paperweights.

The Home Day follow up success article was sent in to the News and Citizen but not the Transcript. The picture used was changed. Judy will check to see if they would also publish it in the Transcript. We haven't received a bill yet. She will follow up on this also.

**Ideas for 2016
Home Day**

Judy and John went to the Rocktoberfest. She wondered if we could have a miniature golf course for kids. Perhaps ReSource would help with this, using left over stuff.

Bishop Marshall had old games and activities set up, like stilts, pumpkin bowling. Perhaps they would come with their old games and activities because there are Hyde Park students at the school.

Carla from MoCo had art supplies to draw your hand and then had a board on which the hands could be drawn and include things the artists appreciate about Morrisville. This would be a good addition for Home Day for Hyde Park appreciation.

**Ideas for 2016
Home Day
continued**

Shady Rill charged \$300 each this year. This is quite a big expense. They said they would do a fund raiser for us. The details and cost is uncertain. John spoke with Girls Night Out and they typically perform for free for non-profits. The Ames Brothers are another possibility although they are fairly expensive also.

Thank You Emails

Deb reported that thank you emails were sent out to those participants for whom we had emails. Judy brought thank you note cards and the group divvied up the remaining participants to ensure everyone received a thank you.

Teresa delivered the Thank You posters. The recipients were very appreciative. This was a great addition to the Home Day event this year. Next year we need to include the Thank You table in our marketing materials. It could be a Front Porch Forum post on its own.

**Home Day 2016
Chairs**

Judy asked to be a helper for next year's Home Day event. Teresa and Deb agreed to be co-chairs for the 2016 Home Day event.

**2015 Lighting
Ceremony Chairs**

Teresa and Deb agreed to be co-chairs for this year's lighting ceremony. Marilyn will be asked to work with Terry and hopefully Tim Yarrow on the children's activities at the library for this event. Carolyn Smiles has all of the details on this piece. Some of the to dos include getting a St. Teresa's trustee to be involved, getting a school bus and driver to bring the kids from the library to St. Teresa's parish hall. Dan typically oversees getting the lights and wreaths and determine placement, how many and should we try to place them in North Hyde Park as well. We need people to help put the wreaths up after the event. For the event we need lighters, readers, an emcee, greeters, cookies, drinks, people to cover the refreshment tables, call for volunteers for various things, etc.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on October 26, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lanpher Memorial Library.
