

Hyde Park Community Circle Meeting
October 26, 2015
Met at Fitch Hill Inn

Attendees

Present: Judy Clark, Teresa Farquharson, Deb Henderson, Terry MacWilliams and Dan Young.

Teresa Farquharson – New HPCC Director

Some time ago, Judy Clark, Dan Young and Marilyn Zophar were appointed to the Hyde Park Community Circle by the town select board. Their terms end in 2017, 2016, 2015 respectively. Judy has stepped down as the Director and Teresa Farquharson has accepted the position of Director of the Hyde Park Community Circle. Judy will contact the select board to apprise them of the change.

A Message

Judy read "...a guiding vision can give us something to move toward instead of something to move away from – our collective vision of what is possible is the organizing principle for our transformation." By Anodea Judith, Waking the Global Heart.

HPCC Shirts

Teresa handed over the box of t-shirts and sweatshirts to Dan. Anyone who would like one should contact Dan.

New Minutes Format

Judy thanked Deb for the format of the minutes. The info mapping format is helpful.

Front Porch Forum Donation

The committee approved the expense of \$100 donation to FPF. Deb will send the donation in.

Letter from Carolyn Smiles

Judy read a letter to the committee from Carolyn Smiles. Carolyn and her husband Richard are moving to Essex Junction in November. They were long time members of this committee. They will be missed.

HPCC Historical Documents

Judy has a folder of historical documents on the HPCC. She will share these with the committee.

Get Well, Everett.

The committee wishes a speedy recovery to Everett Dickinson who has been ill. He is now home and recuperating.

Stu Schaffner

Stu Schaffner and his wife were both on the circle. They had wonderful energy and minds. Stu's wife passed away several years ago and he has moved to Boston. Judy read a letter from Stu. We will keep him on distribution as he enjoys hearing of the HPCC activities.

Home Day

We received the Hyde Park Opera House evaluation of Home Day. They had glowing feedback for the event. They thanked the circle for the ice cream we donated to them. While they were on the far end of the street, they did very well. They felt the advertising and the announcements helped draw people to their booth.

Thank you emails and cards went out. Deb will check to see if KIS Kombucha received one. Judy wasn't sure we had their email.

Judy spoke with ReSource regarding helping us set up a miniature golf course for next year's children's activities. They said they would like to do it but they are in the middle of making changes in the company. They would like to do it for Home Day. They need months in advance notice.

John was going to contact Bishop Marshall to see if they would do the old time games for Home Day. Teresa said to find out if they would charge us before signing up with them. Judy said she doesn't mind if they had a donation jar, but we don't want them to charge for the games.

It was suggested that Madadashcar have a big sign or perhaps helium balloons to show where the bouncy house is if they have it for Home Day next year. The location of it wasn't as noticeable as we would like.

**Main Street
Pedestrian Sign**

The Clarks spoke with the sheriff's department and they informed them that the sign in the road is the highway department's responsibility. We will have to contact them next year before Home Day.

THIS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE 2016 Home Day PREPARATIONS.

Marketing

Judy read an email from Mickey Smith of the News & Citizen. There are internal changes which affect some of the publication of articles in the News & Citizen and the Transcript. Mickey was informing us of these. Our Home Day follow-up article was published in the News & Citizen. It was also published on the front page of the Transcript with one picture the week before the News & Citizen. Judy suggests that whoever does marketing should get in touch with Mickey and ask how they want us to do it.

We may want to post the lighting donations list at the post office, town hall and the library.

Financial Report

Deb Henderson, treasurer, provided a financial report. As of October 26, 2015, the Home Day bottom line was -\$63.

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| Raffle Earnings (excluding sponsorships) | \$ 342.00 |
| Sponsorships | <u>\$ 885.00</u> |
| Total Home Day Earnings | \$1,227.00 |
| Home Day Expenses | <u>\$1,290.00</u> |
| Home Day Cost | (\$ 63.00) |

The checking account balance is **\$5,131.96**.

Lighting Ceremony Planning

This year's lighting ceremony is on Friday, December 4.

Marilyn and Terry are organizing the children's portion of the event held at the library. Terry brought samples of the snowman and mittens craft she has prepared. Judy suggested we use some of the snowmen and mittens crafts on the refreshment tables to carry the theme to the parish hall.

Terry said they need more space at the library for the crafts. Judy suggested they talk with their library contact to see if they can get more tables and more space.

When we meet next, we need to talk times for the actual events. Dan said the countdown for the lighting of the street lights is at 7 p.m. We are done around 7:45 p.m. We might want to start the crafts at 6:30 p.m. to give them more time before the children and parents come to the parish hall for refreshments. Dan is working on the announcement for the electric bill. He will go to Town Hall to make the copies for the electric bill.

**Lighting Ceremony
Planning continued**

Kelly Lane of Lane's Computer Repair asked if her Dad could be Santa that evening. Teresa will poll the committee to see if there is agreement for having a Santa Claus at the event.

Dan will get permission from Jen at Holy Cross Church for the use of St. Teresa's Parish Hall. He typically gets the key from them the week before the event. We have it from noon – 8:30 p.m. Dan typically puts the wreaths up in the parish hall on Wednesday, the week of the event. Everett would like to help with the lights again this year. The deadline for submission of the light donation forms is November 27. We will use the Hyde Park Village electric bill, Front Porch Forum, News & Citizen, HPES, Facebook HPCC page and the store in North Hyde Park for marketing the event.

Dan makes 250 copies of the announcement and donation form for dissemination by the Hyde Park Elementary School. He also makes posters and signs. Dan and Judy put up folders with lighting donation forms at town hall and the library. Judy typically brought the flyer and forms to Wards for photocopying. Teresa may want to handle this differently now that she and Deb are in charge of organizing this event.

Don does a poster and road signs. Judy recommended we put a sign on the Main Street and somewhere here on the Main Street and one in North Hyde Park. Maybe in front of the church or in front of the Grange Hall.

Next Meeting

The next circle meeting is November 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lanpher Memorial Library.
