

Hyde Park Community Circle Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2016

Attendees

Present: John and Judy Clark, Everett Dickinson, Teresa Farquharson, Deborah Henderson, Dan Young and Marilyn Zophar.

**HPCC
Financial
Update**

Deb Henderson reported the current balance of the HPCC checking account is \$6,049.05. Recent transactions include:

- \$100 donation to Front Porch Forum
- \$170 expense to Stowe Reporter for Lighting Ceremony Lighting Request Form
- \$95 and \$165 deposits for light requests – currently 62 lights have been ordered for a total of \$310. We are tracking where the forms originated so we'll know which location gets the most hits. (Thanks, Teresa – good idea!)

**Home Day
Evaluation –
Part Two**

Circle members continued to evaluate this year's Home Day event. Several of us have written up our evaluations. Deb shared the attendees' evaluations at our last meeting. Judy and Marilyn both prepared a suggested timeline of tasks for Home Day. Deb and Judy will meet in January to combine these and other suggestions into one document for next year's planning. We want to get started on the planning earlier next year and this should help us get started early enough so as not to end up in a rush at the end.

We need to have a **discussion about the location of food vendors and get the food vendors input for next year's event.** Some think it would be good to have a food court with all food vendors together and others liked the vendors spread out. It appears only one food vendor would have been happier closer to other vendors but there was no one place with all the food vendors next to each other. This year we spread out the food vendors to get more traffic from one end of Main Street to the other.

Judy suggested we have a discussion before next year's event for a new idea – **Touch a Truck** where several vehicles are in one area where kids could climb all over the vehicles – or at least touch them.

We discussed the two vendors who showed up the day of the event without letting us know they would be setting up. While it didn't pose a logistical problem this year, we would like to have a policy that gives us the right to refuse last minute vendors setting up which might take space from someone already planned for the spot. Last minute vendors wouldn't be marketed or have a space on the map.

We will work on writing a policy before next year's event.

Judy suggested we designate someone to get the children's activities set up and ensure there are people to supervise it. This year, even though parents are expected to watch their kids, there was some pandemonium in the area.

**Home Day
Evaluation –
Part Two
continued**

Deb will contact Deb Burritt, Sweet Crunch, to get her evaluation of Home Day. The bakery was open during the event.

It was suggested we start getting more people outside of the circle members involved in helping out with events. We want to make this even more of a community event and we could use more help during the planning and the day of the event. We'd like to get younger people involved as well.

We discussed and decided 12 – 3 p.m. is the right amount of time for the event. Any longer would be too much.

Handicap parking at Fred's worked out well. We just need to get a car or cars positioned correctly so others will follow suit.

The music and speaker system was better this year. The sound could be heard up and down the street. It might be because we used our sound system on the court house porch and Girls' Night Out put their speakers on ground level. Nate Perham helped get the sound working well.

Judy mentioned her son has cambros to sell and wondered if we wanted more. She will check with Sue Moore who coordinated the tea tent.

Deb had a list of attendees who don't have emails that need a Thank You. **Judy took the list and will make sure thank you notes are sent.** If you're willing to help with this, contact Judy.

Deb will combine all of the evaluation notes we've made from this event into a folder and bring them out when we start planning next year's event.

Judy urged us to make contact with the elementary school before it closes for the year next year. We seem to get them involved too late in the process. She thinks we would have more participation if we did this.

John Clark moved to ask Girls' Night Out to perform at Home Day again next year. Dan Young seconded the motion. The motion carried in the affirmative. John will ask them.

Everett Dickinson moved we ask Nate Perham to provide entertainment during the Girls' Night Out intermission. John Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried in the affirmative. John will ask them.

Next year's event is on September 16, 2017.

**Holiday
Lighting
Ceremony
Planning**

We walked through the task list for the Holiday Lighting ceremony. Deb will keep an updated task list (separate file). **Everyone should check this task list to make sure they are on task and know the items for which they are responsible and the target dates.** If anyone notices any task that is missing, please contact

**Holiday
Lighting
Ceremony
Planning
continued**

Deb and/or Teresa (co-chairs of the event) as soon as possible.

Teresa reminded us that the Parish Hall was too dark last year. We talked about possible solutions to this. Perhaps clip on lights that clip on to the gutter spouts. Perhaps a string of lights. **We need to light up the front of the building and the walkway from the parking lot. Someone needs to put this on their to do list.**

Dan is going to try to get Jared Nunnery involved in getting the town street holiday lights lit.

John Clark nominated Dan Young for a new term on the Hyde Park Community Circle. Teresa Farquharson seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved. Teresa will inform the select board.

We discussed buying a CD frame viewer to allow us to run CDs (mostly pictures of events) at events. Teresa says they are not too expensive and everyone agreed it would be nice to have. John and Judy gave Deb a CD of pictures taken by Charlie Aronovici from the 2016 Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social July 18, 2016 at Hope Grows Farm for storage in the HPCC files.

Next Meeting

January 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

Event Co-chairs

Co-chairs for this year's events are:

Event	Date	Co-chair	Co-chair
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