

Hyde Park Community Circle Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2017

Attendees

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

**Think Spring
Planning**

Antonia Kontos is the Chair of the Think Spring Event to be held on March 18, 2017 in the Hyde Park Elementary School gymnasium from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Antonia confirmed that Susan Hayes will help with the crafts at Think Spring. Deb will get Rhonda Griswold's phone number to Antonia as Rhonda has been very helpful with the crafts at previous events. Antonia confirmed the gym has been reserved. Susan made a flyer with information from the No Strings Marionette Company's website. They'll make copies for the library, post office, HPES students. Antonia will write the news article for the papers. Barbara from No Strings Marionette Company gave Antonia input for the flyer.

Dan Young is working on the announcement for the electric notice. Everett Dickinson volunteered to help Dan copy and cut the notices.

We had a discussion on where to put the flyers. Marilyn Zophar volunteered to get names and contact information for local day cares. It would be nice to extend a special invitation to them to see if we could draw in more young children. Judy recommended emailing the flyer.

Antonia and Deb submitted the application for a Ben & Jerry's grant. Antonia had not heard back yet; she will follow-up.

We talked about craft ideas for the event. Flowers would be appropriate. Perhaps the No Strings Marionette Company's website would generate ideas also.

A discussion was held on whether to get sponsors. **Marilyn Zophar moved to get sponsors for the Think Spring event, seconded by Gail Deuso. The motion carried in the affirmative.** John and Judy volunteered to contact sponsors. We typically ask for \$25. We try not to ask the same businesses to sponsor multiple events. We also try to tailor the sponsor business to the specific event. Sponsors are listed in announcements on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, WLVB and during the event. Antonia said Green Mountain Trout Fitters would be a sponsor.

Antonia will work on a press release. She will submit it 2 weeks early. She will get in touch with the middle school teacher to get community school kids to help at the event.

Antonia reported that next year we may have to have the event somewhere other than the HPES gym as the school may still be under construction. Some ideas for alternate locations include Lamoille Union space or the cafeteria, Hope Grows barn, GMTCC, St. Theresa Parish Hall. The Lamoille Union might be super busy

**Think Spring
Planning
continued**

during that time, so we'll need to request the space soon. John Mandeville or Sherry Lussier would be the contacts for GMTCC.

Caleigh Cross | News & Citizen is a reporter for the News & Citizen and the Stowe Reporter. Deb agreed to contact her to see if she would be willing to come to the event and do a write up about it and/or a write up about the HPCC. Next year's Think Spring event is on March 17, 2018, St. Patrick's day. We should have a shamrocks craft. Maybe someone would volunteer to wear a leprechaun costume. Get ready!

Dan has planted seeds already. He planted 3 types of calendulas, 3 types of sunflowers, 3 types of marigolds and 3 types of bachelor buttons. Teresa said Donna at the electric department has a key to the French House. We should really do an inventory of the HPCC items that are there.

Setup for Think Spring at 9:30 a.m. Antonia will be there. Typically Julie Rohleder, Marilyn Z and Everett D help with set up.

**Town Meeting
Day HPCC
Recruitment
Table**

Teresa plans to set up a table at Town Meeting day on March 7 and asked for volunteers to man the table during the meeting. Deb Henderson volunteered. She can bring her laptop if we want to show pictures from the events. Deb will work on a PowerPoint running slideshow for the table. Bring an extension cord. Bring the signup sheet/book, a "Like Us on Facebook" sign (good idea, Gail!) and a stack of flyers for the Think Spring event. Teresa will set up around 8:15 a.m. She will also speak during the meeting about HPCC and make a call for volunteers to join the circle.

**Financial
Report**

Treasurer Deb Henderson reported the HPCC checking account balance of \$7,225.83 with two outstanding checks.

**HPCC
Donation to the
Lanpher
Memorial
Library**

Marilyn Zophar moved to sponsor programs for the library in the amount of \$100, seconded by Judy Clark. The Motion carried in the affirmative. Deb will talk with Amy Olsen to let her know we will be giving the library a donation.

Event Co-chairs

The following Chairs/co-chairs for this year's events were selected:

Event	Date	Co-chair	Co-chair
Think Spring	3/18/17	Antonia Kontos	
Jedidiah Ice Cream Social	7/17/17	John Clark	Dan Young
Home Day	9/16/17	Judy Clark Susan Hayes	Dan Young Marilyn Zophar
Lighting Ceremony	12/1/17	Teresa Farquharson	Deb Henderson Susan Hayes

Teresa contacted Susan Hayes who agreed to be a co-chair for Home Day and to help with the children's activities at the library for the Lighting Ceremony.

**Miscellaneous
Items**

Judy Clark suggested that Antonia consider future chairs to transition the Think Spring event at some point. Use one year to train a successor so she's not locked in to chairing this event forever.

We had discussion about whether to have children's activities at Home Day. Even with parental supervision, some misbehavior occurred at last year's event. No one is comfortable supervising this.

Deb collected the lighting ceremony critiques that some had completed. She will merge them together and share the results for a later discussion. Judy feels it is important to discuss the feedback. She thanked Marilyn for putting the critique form together. Marilyn volunteered to do an evaluation form for all of the events.

Next Meeting

April 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the library for a Think Spring evaluation.

April 24 @ 5:30 p.m. at the library – HPCC structure/operational meeting
