

Hyde Park Community Circle Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017

Attendees

Present: Judy Clark, Everett Dickinson, Teresa Farquharson, Deborah Henderson, and Antonia Kontos.

**Think Spring
Evaluation**

Antonia Kontos presented an evaluation write up on the Think Spring Event held on March 18, 2017 (her evaluation should be included with this document as it was an extensive writeup.). Everyone agreed it was a wonderful event and was well-planned. The middle school volunteers were very helpful. Apparently one of the blue water containers (bought for home day) leaked water. This needs follow up.

Antonia added that it was so helpful to have Teresa and Susan pick up the drinks and vegetables and hummus the morning of the event. Susan mentioned she only bought regular milk. We used to get Horizon milk. There is support for getting organic milk next year. Judy asked if we, as a community circle, want to promote healthy milk. The feeling is yes, we do. Whenever we can, we will pick up local or organic milk.

Antonia said we did not get the Ben and Jerry grant we requested. Perhaps it might be approved later in the year.

Deb asked for help in researching grants from TD Bank for Home Day.

Susan asked if the Home Day parade will be able to turn around in the school lot as construction will be going on at the school. Susan will follow up on this. She will speak with Principal Diane Reilly. Deb wondered if the parade could go down Commonwealth Avenue and come around behind the police station. Something to be considered.

We talked about not starting the crafting, planting or lunch until after the show. We agree there shouldn't be food taken on the mats. There was too much distraction during the play performance. We are going to keep the food covered until after the show next year. We'll also announce that there should be no food on the mats. Keeping the food covered until after the show should help as well. It will also be helpful if we announce an order of operation of the different activities – show first, then food, crafts and plants. Deb asked if we could have signs at each station letting people know what and where the different activities/stations are located. Think about people who have not been to this event before. We need to make it more obvious and clear what is available and where. Perhaps balloons at each station?

John Clark said the bachelor buttons didn't work out so well. They were such thin seedlings. We should probably skip those next year.

**Think Spring
Evaluation
continued**

It was suggested we add the HPCC slide show that Deb created to Antonia's Mac. Then the flower show and the HPCC slide show can run one after the other. Deb asked for assistance in updating the slide show to get others input now that we have more time and have run it as originally created at two events. We need to schedule a meeting to work on enhancing the HPCC slide show. We should also add to the announcements that the slide shows are available to view during the event.

Deb reported we received \$54 in cash donations. This was significantly down from last year. We received \$230 from sponsors which was more than last year. Thank you to our sponsors! There was agreement that we should/could do more for our sponsors. There was an article in the News & Citizen before the event. It was also promoted multiple times in Front Porch Forum and on Facebook. Perhaps we could create a sheet with the sponsors' names on it and hand them out. Deb said papers like this just tend to get tossed out. Expenses for the event were \$658.38. The bottom line for the Think Spring 2017 event was -\$374.38.

We also received a great write-up with a photo in the News & Citizen thanks to a last minute phone call to the paper. Even a last minute call brought great results. Thanks to the News & Citizen for supporting the HPCC with some free and positive publicity!

For next year's event, we need to decide the best place for the sandwich board.

Event Co-chairs

Here are this year's events and Chairs/co-chairs:

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

Next Meeting

May 2 @ 5:30 p.m. at the library – HPCC structure/operational meeting