

Hyde Park Community Circle Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2017

Attendees

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

**Lighting
Ceremony
Planning**

Judy reported she has received five light orders. Deb will work with Judy on the formatting of the readers' light donations. Deb will write up instructions for lighters and readers and John will use the instructions for training for the event.

Deb reported the lighting ceremony ad with light request form was printed in the November 2nd News & Citizen. The News & Citizen also published a notice of the ceremony which included a webpage link which can be used in Facebook postings or in other advertising. It is bit.ly/hplighting2017 and is the ad with the light request form. Deb will test out the use of this link in a Front Porch Forum post.

Deb received a call back from Karen at the Village of Hyde Park Electric Department. The street holiday lights will be turned on as usual the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We must work with Carol Robertson to turn the lights off and on the day of the event. Dan is fine with this.

Dan has an appointment on November 13 with Paine's Christmas Trees and will place the wreaths and garland order then. They don't open until then. Dan talked with Rick Heath and one wreath will be placed at the Grange Hall in North Hyde Park. He also received permission to put a wreath on the court house in Hyde Park now that construction is complete!

Dan needs to communicate with Jared Nunnery, the tree warden. Teresa wants to introduce his wife, Ashley to Susan and to welcome her to the circle.

Dan will make posters and distribute them to us via email. People can print them and hang them around town in Hyde Park and North Hyde Park.

Dan will again put up the string of lights around the grounds at the Parish Hall to improve the outdoor lighting. He may purchase another set to brighten up more area.

Dan and Everett will make a plan to string the lights on the wreaths and garland the Wednesday before the event. We received 166 light orders in 2016; 223 in 2015.

Teresa will make the hot chocolate and take care of getting the groceries needed. She will check inventory at the French House before purchasing paper goods.

Dan needs to request use of the town sound system for the event. He calls the town and picks up the sound system at the town office building. He typically speaks with Dawn to reserve it. He said it is very heavy. The two speakers themselves probably weigh 25 lbs each.

Lighting Ceremony Planning continued Walked through the planning document and updated tasks and people as known. See attached. PLEASE REVIEW for tasks assigned to you and make sure you are able to do those tasks. Items in red are to be confirmed or corrected. They are not certain and it would be appreciated if people would let Teresa, Deb or Susan know any updates.

Financial Report Treasurer Deborah Henderson reported the bank balance as of November 5, 2017 is \$5,729.07

Recruitment Effort It was suggested we make a plan to work on recruitment of members on the HPCC this coming year. We need more members to continue putting on events for the community. Teresa will ask to be put on the agenda for the March town meeting where she will put out a call for new members as well as promote our four annual events. It was decided to call a meeting for January 8, 2018 to discuss plans to recruit new members, do a community survey and decide whether to do Home Day in 2018.

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

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

Next Meeting January 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the library. Will discuss survey, recruitment planning, Home Day 2018.
