

HYDE PARK COMMUNITY CIRCLE

Statement of Intention: “The Hyde Park Community Circle is called for Hyde Park residents and friends who are interested in building community together. The Circle is called so that people can think and act creatively together, providing on-going support in a cooperative spirit.”

During 2017, the Hyde Park Community Circle sponsored four events in the interest of building community. On March 18, we hosted “Think Spring – Puppets and Plants” held in the Hyde Park Elementary School gymnasium. The No Strings Marionette Co. performed “The Snowmaiden.” Mother Spring awakens the Snowmaiden, a perfect little maiden sculpted entirely of snow and ice! Dreams come true for a childless couple who embrace the Snowmaiden as their own daughter. Hands-on activities for children included potting seedlings, making cards and bookmarks with stamps and a rainbow paper plate activity. This year, we had 7 sponsors whose donations helped to defray the costs of the puppet show. On July 17, the Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social was held at Hope Grows. What was supposed to be a stormy day turned out to be beautiful. We had a great turnout and delicious ice cream and topping selections! Ted Lambert, Debbie Yacavone, Joe Ciccolo and Nate Perham provided the entertainment while volunteers served cookies and ice cream. The third event was Hyde Park Home Day, which was held on Main Street in Hyde Park on Saturday, September 16th. The activities started off with a grand parade down Main Street. The Grand Marshal of the parade was Fire Chief Ed Webster. During the day, we were entertained by Girls’ Night Out and Nate Perham. Local businesses and activities up and down Main Street and Commonwealth Avenue added to the enjoyment of the day. The final event of the year was the Hyde Park Lighting Ceremony held on December 1st at St. Teresa’s Parish Hall. 246 lights were purchased in honor, celebration or memory of loved ones and memorable events. A beautiful wreath and garland made by Paine’s Christmas Trees adorned with lights hung on the Village Garage during the holiday season. A second wreath and garland was placed on the Grange Hall in North Hyde Park. At the Lanpher Memorial Library, children and families participated in a snowflake craft, reading of stories by Marilyn Zophar and entertainment provided by Nate Perham and Mark Isselhardt.

This year, the Circle purchased a park bench to honor past Circle members. It was dedicated during Home Day. It will be kept on the French House lawn on Main Street. The members honored initially include Olney Gilmore, Corella Gray, Ann Schaffner and Terry MacWilliams.

The four community events sponsored by the Hyde Park Community Circle are always held on the same time of the month each year. Think Spring is held the third Saturday in March; Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social is held the third Monday evening in July; Hyde Park Home Day is held the third Saturday in September; and the Hyde Park Lighting Ceremony is held the first Friday in December. These events have proven quite successful in bringing people together and building community. The Circle always has an open invitation for Hyde Park residents to participate in these events and to help with the planning. For any questions or to join the Circle, people can contact Teresa Farquharson at 888-1289. We’re looking for new members!

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2017 Financial Report**

<u>HPCC 2017 Event</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Income</u>
Think Spring	(\$658.38)	\$284.00
Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social	(\$277.59)	\$114.00
Home Day	(\$1,173.31)	\$1,044.00
Lighting Ceremony	(\$444.24)	\$1,170.00
Miscellaneous	<u>(\$753.20)</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	(\$3,306.72)	\$3,612.00

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Lighting Ceremony Activities at Lanpher Memorial Library

Photo Credit: Marilyn Zophar



Children's Crafts



Nate Perham and Mark Isselhardt

2017 Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social

Photo Credit: Orah Moore

