

**Hyde Park Community Circle Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2018**

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

Better Connections Grant Judy asked if the circle would like to provide a letter of support for the work of the Hyde Park Village and Town in applying for the grant from the Better Connections program and improving the connections plan and infrastructure for Hyde Park. We agreed we would like to provide that support. Dan Young agreed to write the letter on the circle's behalf.

Financial Report Deb reported the current checking account balance is \$7,449.83. Deb prepared the 2017 Annual Report. The 2017 financials by event/miscellaneous were:

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

HPCC Survey Susan presented the results of the HPCC survey. We received 58 responses from the online survey. Survey results are attached in a separate document. The charts were really helpful in seeing key points. The most popular event is Home Day, followed by the Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social, followed by the Lighting Ceremony and lastly Think Spring. Some of these events have a wider target population and those that tend to target a seemingly smaller population show less regular attendance. Note that the survey was taken only by those who are comfortable taking an online survey. This would certainly leave out input from many non-computer-savvy neighbors. We didn't receive any hard copy surveys.

Everett commented that he had some uncertainty as to what was meant by the marketing item for each event. It does not mean selling one's products. We agreed this could have led to some conclusion and if we do this again, we'll want to clarify what we mean by marketing. We actually meant the HPCC's marketing of each event.

Susan summarized the individual comments. We had lots of evaluation and good discussion of the survey results. Some items that stood out – many are looking for more involvement with the Hyde Park Elementary School and the town and village. We thought we might support the school by offering to help with a tour of the new building when it is completed.

**HPCC Survey
continued**

We discussed the idea of perhaps sponsoring a new event for a day of volunteering. We want to continue to build our community. Perhaps something about a project to help some residents. Perhaps build an event around Green Up Day, the first Saturday in May. The select board appoints the chair for Green Up Vermont.

HPCC was started in 2000. We discussed how we might be able to become an even stronger community at events. Our common ground is that we all live in Hyde Park.

Some follow-up actions:

Deb and Susan agreed to contact Diane Reilly, the principal of HPES to let her know we would like to be more involved with the school. We should ask what the school is planning for the opening of the new building. Judy feels Diane seems very interested in community.

Susan said Rebecca Dennis is going to join HPCC. She helped with the children's activities at the library for the lighting ceremony. Judy mentioned Rich and Carol Adams are interested in helping as well. Tina Emerson is another person who may get more involved.

Marilyn Zophar agreed to organize a meeting with Carole Robertson, the village trustees and the select board. We should include the town clerk, Kim Moulton and Ron Rodjenski, the Town Administrator.

We also want to approach the LUHS, LUMS and GMTCC. Brian Schaffer is the principal of LUHS. Wendy Savery is the principal of LUMS. Sherry Lussier is the director of GMTCC. Did anyone volunteer to tackle these organizations?

We discussed items for the agenda of these meetings:

- Who HPCC is
- Why we're here at this meeting
- Ideas for Collaboration
- Are there ideas for work that needs to be done that we might support
- Any things we should consider?

Select board meets the second Monday of each month at 6 pm in the community meeting room at the town offices.

**Town Meeting
Day**

Teresa will ask to get on the agenda for the Town Meeting day, March 6. She will speak about HPCC, our mission and 4 events and put out a call for new members. Deb will bring the HPCC slideshow for the HPCC table. **She asked people to get her any photos of our events that could be added to the current slideshow.** Susan will develop a survey to get additional information from people who stop by the table.

Next Meeting

March 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the library.
