

HPCC Meeting
April 9, 2018

Participants:

Teresa Farquharson
Everett Dickinson
Sarrah McNall
Judy Clark
John Clark
Marilyn Zophar
Deb Henderson
Susan Hayes
Lisa Hill

Agenda:

- Welcome to All. Introductions to new volunteers.
HPCC mission statement/intentions: "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 ongoing support in a cooperative spirit." This was written by the original volunteers in the Circle.
- Summarize our four HPCC events, picking chairs and co-chairs for each **ACTION ITEM**
 - Think Spring Puppets and Plants was 3rd Saturday in March 17th completed
 - Teresa will ask Antonia if she is willing to chair Think Spring next year...
 - Susan happy to coordinate kids' activities again, if needed.
 - Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social is the 3rd Monday in July 15th
 - John Clark and Dan Young will be co-chairs
 - Hyde Park Home Day is the 3rd Saturday in September 15th
 - Judy will coordinate Home Day this year - with someone to shadow her to train for coordinator for next year.
 - John Clark and Susan Hayes will coordinate the parade.
 - Susan will coordinate the kids' activities.
 - Deb will coordinate the Home Day database.
 - At future meetings, should discuss who will organize the raffle (Teresa has done this in past years).
 - Everett will blow up balloons!
 - Lighting Ceremony and Frosty the Snowman is the 1st Friday in December 7th
 - Teresa F. will chair this year.
 - Susan will coordinate the kids' activities.
 - Dan and Everett can help with the wreath.
- Any agenda additions or deletions?
 - New members of HPCC: Sarrah McNall & Lisa Hill. Maggie Stewart is also a new member. Rich & Carol Adams and Tina Emerson want to be helpers but not come on as active committee members.

- Articles on community and volunteering
- Teresa will attend the April 12th “Better Connections” grant kickoff meeting at the Town Offices (9:00-11:00am) as a HPCC representative. Teresa will be thinking about how the HPCC can support this work; what connections exist between the grant and the mission of the HPCC? Judy will check in with Dan about wearing two hats at grant meetings and help represent the HPCC.
- Budget update – current balance \$6908.94
- Hyde Park Home Day updates – Nick Allen has committed to bringing the LUHS marching band to Home Day and the Vermont Fife and Drum Corps (<http://hanafordfifeanddrum.com/>) has agreed to have Home Day be their “pro bono” event for 2018!
- Judy has the names of three people who are willing to help with the work of the HPCC...but are not interested in joining the Circle officially. She will share that information with Teresa.
- Critique of Think Spring Puppets and Plants from March 17th
 - Anyone who completed an event evaluation will send their feedback to Deb who will collate the reviews.
 - Publicity:
 - Flyer in the school backpacks reached families.
 - Insert in the power bills were helpful. (Although need to ensure inserts are accurate. Suggestion that flyer is sent to the chair for final proofing.)
 - How could we take an announcement to the kids? Join an assembly at the elementary school to share the announcement?
 - Balloons on the sign the day-of were great!
 - Schedule to post to FPF worked well.
 - Think about sending flyers to area daycare centers next year, too. Link to area daycares:
 - Location at GMTCC, setup and breakdown by staff:
 - Went really well, very smooth. GMTCC staff did a lot of the set up and breakdown.
 - But HPCC members still needed to help set up and breakdown. Still need HPCC volunteers to take responsibility for these tasks.
 - Need to decide on location for next year.
 - Seedlings:
 - Very healthy seedlings this year!
 - Great selections and more than enough offerings!
 - Nice to see what you were getting (the pictures).
 - Also helpful to be able to write your name on the pot.
 - No real plan...would be very helpful to have a plan heading into next year for potting the plants. Would be great opportunity to have volunteers contribute.
 - Puppet show:
 - Show was a bit scary for the little ones...particularly when he became a “live puppet” and came out into the audience. Perhaps he could put the costume

- on in front of the kids ahead of the show? Maybe criteria for next year...less scary.
 - Length...was a bit long. But they are following a script.
 - Space:
 - Some people expressed wanting more space for eating. Food was more substantive this year!
 - Area by the food table was cramped and intersected with the seedling line...
 - Perhaps next year, put food in the lobby where there is more space.
 - Clean up too more time than expected. Middle school volunteers were not involved this year. HPCC members ultimately did a lot of the cleaning.
 - Food:
 - Loved the food, so much of it! Nice that it was all prepared by the students.
 - Appreciation for the green rice krispy treats!
 - Crafts:
 - Craft was age appropriate and worked well.
 - No glitter and scissors!
 - Nice to have a craft that helps kids feel successful!
 - Helpful to have the craft separate from the food.
 - Flower slide show:
 - Not sure if people saw it...
 - Noticed that the pictures were transitioning very quickly...
 - Could this be set up near the seedlings so people can watch while they are potting their plants? (Also think about making an announcement about this.)
 - Could we add pictures of previous Think Springs to the slide show?
 - Offer Flower Slide Show plus HPCC slides – turn off during puppet show. (Maybe have HPCC slide show at every event)
 - Discuss our donation to GMTCC, (\$50 rental wasn't a donation), including the student's fundraiser for their African trip. Vote on an amount to give them from the Circle.
 - Proposal to contribute \$152 received at the door the day of the event + \$48 from HPCC coffers.
 - Motion:
 - Marilyn: Made a motion to donate \$200 to support GMTCC students and staff to travel to Tanzania.
 - John Clark: Seconded
 - Votes: Aye (9), Nay (0)
 - Deb will follow up with Jean about how to proceed with this donation. (May need to contribute via GoFundMe.)
 - Any other observations or ideas about TS welcome.
 - Create a photo booth for next year's Think Spring! Could GMTCC students help build this? Could Sophia help paint it?
- Next HPCC event is our Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social July 15, 2018 6:00pm-7:30pm
 - Co-chairs, John Clark and Dan Young (John to check with Dan). They will schedule a planning meeting soon and then schedule a meeting with the full committee.
 - Teresa suggested GMTCC as a backup rain location. John & Dan will research.

- Ice Cream company? B&J's, Kingdom Creamery, Wilcox (John and Dan will research.)
 - Wilcox: Teresa called Wilcox who said they will donate a 3-gallon tub and offer additional 3-gallon tubs for \$26. Would be willing to bring our order to Price Chopper. Teresa spoke with Price Chopper manager who agreed to store our order. <http://www.wilcox-ice-cream.com/gallery/ice-cream/>
- Any other initial planning about this July event? (Next meeting exclusively about Social.)
 - Amy would like a table to feature the "Kindness Rocks" activity (where kids could paint affirmative message on rocks)
- Discuss other community ideas/suggestions for 2019....ongoing discussion.
 - May 21st, 5:30-7:00pm, will hold a "visioning" meeting to discuss long-range plans and review feedback from recent meetings with the town.
- Any other HPCC business?
- Thank you All for attending this meeting. Next meeting schedule:
 - John will let members know about next planning meeting for ice cream social.
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