

Hyde Park Community Circle Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2018, 5:30pm at Lanpher Memorial Library

Participants: Everett Dickinson, Dan Young, Deb Henderson, Marilyn Zophar, Teresa Farquharson, John Clark, Judy Clark, Susan Hayes, Maggie Stewart

Jedidiah Ice Cream Social Updates:

- John and Dan sampled different ice creams. Ultimately applied for free Ben and Jerry's ice cream. Flavors will be unknown so will also purchase chocolate from Charlmont's. Ben and Jerry's has not yet confirmed the ice cream order.
- Confirmed location on the Governor's House lawn. Rain location is the HPES gym. John has confirmed this with the HPES principal. There will be no charge if we need to use this space but the HPCC can offer the school a donation.
- Sauces: chocolate (Everett), butterscotch (Dan), blueberry (Dan), strawberry (John)
- Toppings: Teresa will pick up sprinkles, etc. Will also check to see what might be left over from last year.
- Cookies: Susan and Maggie volunteered to bake cookies.
- Supplies: Teresa will review inventory of paper bowls, cups, etc. and see what must be purchased.
- Music: Ted Lambert, Debbie Yacavone, Joe Chicola, Nate Perham
- Teresa will check with Amy about the "kindness rocks" activity
- John will follow up with HPCC members about a marketing plan for the event (FPF posts, etc.)

Better Connections Grant:

- Teresa attended meeting on April 12th about the grant on behalf of the HPCC.
- Overview of grant: Hyde Park received a \$65,000 grant to develop a plan to support non-motorized travel in the village.
- Group has retained an engineer to help with the plan development. Currently exploring things like storm water drainage, greenways, ways to cross Route 15.
- How/where does the HPCC fit in?
 - We wrote a letter of support for the grant.
 - No other concrete connections between the work of the HPCC and the grant seem to exist at this point.
 - HPCC will stay tuned to see if there are any ways the HPCC can support the work of the grant committee. Dan will help keep the HPCC informed.
 - How can we make better connections to North Hyde Park?
 - Continue posting HPCC event posters in the N. Hyde Park post office and River Valley store.
 - Try to improve outreach efforts to N. Hyde Park residents (distribute event fliers from door to door?)

HPCC Financial Report:

- Checking account = \$6738.94
- Think Spring expenses = \$734.84; Think Spring donations = \$150
- HPCC received \$100 from Village Improvement Association.
- Purchased checks recently.

Visionary Discussion:

- Have made some progress in recruiting new members!
- Could we host one event annually that is focused on volunteering/community service? (e.g., Green Up Day, “Make a Difference” Day)
- Could we start a “welcome wagon” to welcome new residents to Hyde Park? If so, would recommend establishing an ad hoc committee to coordinate this effort. (Note that historically, HPCC has succeeded in finding workers for events but not necessarily coordinators.)
- Could we host other types of events/experiences like a birding outing?
- How can we increase the involvement of town officials in HPCC-sponsored events?
- Which of our events really foster a sense of community and help build connections and relationships?
- What is this group’s capacity to add new events/activities to our schedule?
- **Decision: To maintain annual schedule of current four HPCC activities and not add any additional events/activities at this time.**
- Discussion of December lighting ceremony:
 - Read the names individually and then turn all the lights on at once?
 - Current light bulbs are expensive because we must buy the kind that allow each bulb to be turned on separately. (Dan estimates replacing the current set will cost about \$500.)
 - But would be sad to lose the connection that is made when a light is lit for your loved on...
 - **Decision: To maintain the current approach of lighting each bulb individually as names are read.**
 - Could we possibly have a group sing along at the Parish Hall once the children arrive?

Home Day Updates:

- Music:
 - Would be great to have Beg, Borrow or Steal perform.
 - **Motion (made by Marilyn): To pay up to \$1000 to Beg, Borrow or Steal to perform at Home Day this year. Seconded by Judy. Yays (9) Nays (0)**
 - Carol Ann Jones will be our back-up plan for music.
 - Will ask Nate Perham to play during band intermission as in past years.
- Judy and Deb will meet this week to begin work on the Home Day database. Businesses to be sure are included: Green Mountain Crossfit, Fred’s, Bourne’s, Ten Bends, Brosseau’s, High Mowing, McMahon’s, Moonlight Studios
- Susan, Everett, and Maggie agreed to be “callers.”
- Teresa will start thinking about the raffle.

Next HPCC Meeting: Monday, June 18th at 5:30pm at the Lanpher Library (focus will be on Home Day planning)