

HYDE PARK COMMUNITY CIRCLE
December 2, 2019, 5:30 P.M. at Lanpher Memorial Library
Minutes

Participants:

Everett Dickinson
Nancy Webster
John Clark
Judy Clark
Susan Hayes
Deb Henderson

Agenda

1. Scribe (Susan) & Time Keeper (Nancy)
2. Any changes in Agenda (none)
3. Welcome to Susan Hayes
4. Financial Report
 - Current HPCC balance: \$9,033.63
 - Lighting of the wreaths – made approximately \$967. 192 lights total. Slightly less than previous years.
 - Sent list of lights purchased to the News and Citizen. May cost \$170.10; about what is charged for an ad. Deb also sent the N&C photos taken at the event.
 - Deb awaiting a bill for the wreaths – should be less than \$244 because no garlands purchased this year. Deb will check with Jenna about this.
5. Town of Hyde Park gave HPCC \$1,000 - town appropriation (included in the current balance)
6. HP Improvement Association - \$100 Donation to HPCC (included in the current balance)
7. FPF – Donation?
 - In the past, HPCC has donated \$100 to FPF.
 - **Susan: Move to donate \$100 to FPF. Seconded by Everett. Aye (6), Nay (0)**
8. HPCC in 2020
 - Updates from individual HPCC members:
 - Antonia does not think she can chair “Think Spring” in 2020. Susan can chair. “No Strings Marionette” is already reserved for 2020. (See note below re: possible collaboration with Partners in Education, PIE.) Susan and Marie Olsen will connect and determine plans for “Think Spring” this year.
 - Julie Rohleder – enjoys helping at the puppet show, ice cream social and Home Day. Not sure what the future brings re: selling her home/inn and therefore her availability to support HPCC events.

- Judy is officially resigning from the HPCC after this year.
 - Susan is moving from Hyde Park, likely summer 2020.
 - John is happy to help with the ice cream social but will not be on the HPCC otherwise and help with the parade.
 - Nancy will help with the parade for 2020.
 - Could other groups/organizations help run the four annual events?
 - Could Gihon Valley Hall/historical society take over responsibility for the wreath lighting? Could be a fundraiser for their group vs. having the proceeds come to the HPCC. Susan will touch base with Liz about this possibility.
 - Judy wonders if HPES PIE group (Parents in Education) would be interested in co-chairing and co-hosting the event. Marie Olson (Amy's sister) is coordinating PIE and could be our point-of-contact.
 - Perhaps we suggest that Amy calls the "community collaborative" and we can discuss the needs/goals of HPCC with this cross-sector group and see what possibilities may emerge?
 - Maybe we pursue collaboration/co-hosting for all four annual events?
 - Suggestion: Convene a "community collaborative" meeting to discuss HPCC's goals and brainstorm possible collaborations moving forward. (Or maybe the Selectboard could host the meeting, or consider asking Selectboard to cohost the meeting with HPCC. Suggest dates for this brainstorming meeting) Desired invitees: HPES/PIE, historical society/Gihon Valley Hall, Hyde Park Improvement Association, Village Trustees, Selectboard, 1st Congregational Church, 2nd Congregational Church, Trinity Church, Lamoille Union High School, Lamoille Neighbors, Lanpher Library, Friends of the Lanpher Library, representatives from both fire departments, NEMS.
 - Deb will ask Amy for participant list from "community collaborative."
 - Need to think about the skills needed to run the events: database management, marketing, someone to lead meetings, someone to take minutes, someone to make phone calls.
9. Selectboard Meeting –12/16, 6:00 p.m. – HPCC on Agenda
- Ron sent letter acknowledging HPCC's challenge with recruiting volunteers. Ron thinks the Selectboard would appreciate hearing about the challenges HPCC is experiencing. Judy and Deb (and maybe Everett) as HPCC representatives will participate in Selectboard meeting on December 16 at 6pm.
 - Judy has spoken with Susan Bartlett in the past who suggested that other groups/organizations help share in the work. Amy ran a "community collaborative" in the past but the group no longer meets.
 - Bring up suggestion of holding a collaborative meeting to discuss the HPCC goals and explore possible collaborations.

- HPCC goal = to foster a sense of community and connection in Hyde Park. Primary strategy has been to host annual events. Brief history of HPCC work to date. Interested in exploring new opportunities for the future.
- Ask the Selectboard:
 - Would the Selectboard be willing to co-sponsor the “community collaborative” meeting in partnership with the HPCC?
 - Can the meeting be held at the town offices?
 - Are there other groups we are missing from our invitation list? (Bring our list.)
 - Choose a date for the meeting. Want to have it relatively early in the New Year. Proposed date for meeting (that work for a majority of HPCC members): January 16 or January 23. (Possibly a Monday evening on those same weeks)
 - Does the Selectboard have any suggestions for an alternative storage space for the HPCC materials? (French House mold issue.)
 - Discussion of HPCC “appointees” – Nancy can be subbed in for Dan. But we don’t have people to fill the roles. Need to discuss.
- Not sure if we want to request the \$1,000 appropriation from the Selectboard moving forward; it depends on what the future of the HPCC looks like, informed by the planned-for “community collaborative” discussion.
- Decision to continue with the \$1,000 appropriation because if it comes out, we will need to request it continue.
- In the future, could think about using some of the HPCC funds to support other community-building activities, coordinated by other groups.

10. HPCC Belongings at French’s.

- Mold problem in the garage at the French House.
- May want to pursue a storage unit? No storage units in Hyde Park but options in Morrisville and Johnson.
- Maybe there is someone in Hyde Park that has a storage option.

11. Lighting of the Wreaths Evaluation

- Nancy, Jack and Marilyn took on the responsibility of putting on the lights this year. It went well. Took about 1.5 hours. Facility for decorating the wreaths worked out nicely – HP Fire Dept. May need to purchase some new bulbs in the future.
- Event went well and was fairly well attended! Went off very well, despite the cold! Nice to have folks from both Hyde Park and North Hyde Park participate together. Good community building event. Simply done but well done. Hot drinks were a nice touch!
- Judy worked hard to get the village lights and wreath to go on at the same time as the wreaths were lit in North Hyde Park. But did not happen. Not sure if anyone came to the Courthouse.
- Process of people ordering lights went relatively well. Some orders came in past the deadline but Deb handled it. Everyone has paid at this point.

12. 2nd Congregational Church Brick Fund-Raising Project

- Church holding a brick fund-raising project. Bricks can be purchased for \$100/brick (or \$106 for clip art) and placed on the front walk.
- Would the HPCC like to purchase a brick?
- **Motion (Deb): Move to purchase a brick on behalf of the HPCC. Seconded (Susan). Aye (5), Nay (0)**
- Language for the brick – Deb will draft language and email around.

13. Vermont Meeting Laws

- HPCC must abide by Vermont open meeting laws.
- HPCC needs to let the town office know when we are having a meeting so it can be shared. Agenda must be shared at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting with Ron, Kim and Alyssa (and 24 hours in advance of a special meeting). Minutes must be sent to the town within five days of the meeting.

14. Schedule Next Meeting

- See discussion of scheduling “community collaborative” meeting with Selectboard. Proposed dates (that work for a majority of HPCC members): January 13, 16, 20 or 23.

Respectfully Submitted: Susan Hayes