

MEETING MINUTES
Activities Committee Meeting
Sunday, August 10, 2008

Attendees:
Stefanie Porter
Rae-Ann DiNino
Mark DiNino
Michelle Blake

Discussed the following topics relating to the upcoming picnic in the park scheduled for Sunday, August 24, 2008:

Picnic in the Park:

Ice Cream Truck: Brian Porter will get in touch with the local ice cream truck that usually travels through the neighborhood and schedule him to park his truck at the millbrook entrance side of the park. Someone needs to make a sign for outside of his truck to inform residents that they must pay for their own treats.

Entrance Signs: The person that Kerri Ramponi was inquiring to do the sign was unavailable. Mark DiNino will work with Rob Sullivan to buy the materials for Rob to build two signs (one for each entrance of the development). Michelle Blake will coordinate the wording for the signs with her husband, Jerry, who will print them. The Blakes will also take care of the plastic wrap for the signs to protect the wording from potential rain.

Face Painting: Kerri Ramponi who originally offered her sister to do it said she isn't available. Rae-Ann DiNino will ask around to see if some teenagers in the neighborhood want to do it. If we can't find someone, we will delete this activity and save it for a future event.

Wiffleball Game: We discussed the potential for a softball game however, the point was brought up about safety seeing the number of children that will attend, therefore, it has been changed to using a waffle ball, instead.

Soccer Nets: Neighbor Karen Murray kindly offered to lend her soccer nets for the event.

Entertainment: Came down to two: Mike the Music Man is available for 2, 45 minute shows with a brief break in between (equaling 2 hours of time spent) for \$300. The Bubble Music Man is available for \$225 for 1 hour. Rae-Ann DiNino will get in touch with Andrea Dever to contact the Bubble Music Man to see if he will match the price of 2, 45 minute shows at \$300 and forward a poll to the committee on which one to use.

Placement of moonwalk and entertainer: The group discussed the best placement for these items, it was thought that the grass area anywhere behind the catchers mound fence and the entrance on the millbrook side would be best.

DJ: Karen Donovan did some research on this and found the prices too expensive. We also didn't have any volunteers from the neighborhood. The group decided to skip this and assume that the kids entertainer will be enough for now.

Moonwalk: Is kindly being donated by the Shiner family for the afternoon. Someone needs to coordinate extension cords and ask the McDonald family if we can use their outside outlets again for the equipment.

Webpage: Brian Porter will contact Bob Conley to update the webpage on the event details.

Other topic discussed:

Next Mom's night out: The last Mom's Night Out as hosted by Michelle Blake (and was a blast) in March. The next one will be hosted by Karen Donovan. A date for this event will be forwarded to everyone once it is available.

Replacing the playground equipment: The group briefly discussed the committee's involvement in replacing the equipment on the playground. The current equipment is made of wood and is not in good condition and the new equipment would be made of recycled plastic and be much safer, and user friendly for both younger and older children. It would be the assumption that the dues would just have to go up for one year to pay for the equipment, however, a vote would have to go through possibly at the next annual meeting on whether to move forward now or later on this topic. This will be discussed further at a later time.

The meeting adjourned at approx. 9:30 PM.