

MEETING MINUTES

Activities Committee Meeting Sunday, February 11, 2007

Introductions: Members present: Rae-Ann DiNino, Mark DiNino, Michelle Blake, Heather Finnerty, Kerri Ramponi

Other Members that weren't able to make it: Andrea Dever, Chrissy White, Amanda Pulsifer, Jen Dangora. Liz Radzik wants to be kept in the loop as she wants to be involved once things settle down after her baby is born (due this Spring).

I. Review of 2006 Holiday Stroll

Overall felt it was a success. Everyone agreed that once we got there it worked itself so committee members could enjoy the event with their families. Also, agreed that this should be a goal for all future events. Consensus was to skip it for this year to focus on new events and revisit it in 2008 – and planning it a different day other than the town's stroll. Also, for future events we should have a team for setup and a team for cleanup appointed ahead of time so nobody is left alone.

II. 2007 Events

A. Easter Egg Hunt

Discussed the potential of having it the weekend (Sunday) before Easter (Sunday, April 1st). In the park with age appropriate areas split out: 1. under 3 yrs old, 2. 4-6 yrs old, 3. 7 and up with a scavenger hunt for the older kids. Someone suggested that due to the poor weather patterns that the park might be too muddy for this event. Group agreed to re-visit this idea for next year so that we could focus on the Safety Day in May (as the events would be too close together). We will re-visit this event in 2008.

B. Stranger Danger Safety Day

Steve Murphy sent us an email with this suggestion. The goal would be that the police to give a talk to the children about stranger danger safety – especially with summer vacation coming. Steve spoke to the Rockland police chief about this idea and said he was receptive to it. The Chief mentioned that he could get a policing grant to fund it. Additionally, adding motorcycles and a canine demo would add excitement. Steve will also ask the Chief if we would be required to invite the entire town or if this could be just for Millbrook residents only. Everyone agreed that on a Sunday around 12noon is a convenient time for this event.

Michelle Blake mentioned that this was talked about by the Safety Committee – with lots of ideas regarding adding other safety programs like CHIP (child identification program) and/or child car seat installation check. We also discussed the possibility of having the Fire Department give a talk about stop/drop and roll. Once the event comes sooner, we will plan a schedule of events for this day. Rae-Ann will follow-up with Steve to connect with the Chief to pin down a Sunday in May the Police may be available and to see if he has any more suggestions. She will also look into having the Fire Department come and give a talk about fire safety.

C. Fallfest – Fall Themed Block Party

This is planned for Sunday, September 30 with a raindate of Sunday, October 14. Someone suggested holding the event in the street – by blocking the street (with cooperation of Rockland Police Dept.) if the park is too muddy. Other ideas for this event are as follows:

- ❖ Hay/pumpkin background for families to do photos of children and families on – to give a fall feeling.
- ❖ Stations of face painting, balloon making, cotton candy machine and/or slushy machine.
- ❖ Hiring all services out would free us of being able to attend event with our families. Additionally, possibly hiring some teenagers from the neighborhood (maybe for \$25 for the day) for the food stands.
- ❖ Asking an ice cream truck to stop by the event.
- ❖ Refreshments of apple cider, cocoa and coffee – but no food.
- ❖ Mike the Music Man for Entertainment.

We will meet over the summer after the Safety Day is complete to start planning this event.

D. Mom's Night Out

Kerri Ramponi is the coordinator of this activity. We also discussed other members hosting it with a different theme each night (such as: Mexican, Cocktails, or Appetizers, etc.). Kerri will be hosting the first one of a series on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at her home. The theme will be “Cookie Swap” where everyone brings a plate of baked cookies with copies of the recipe to hand out to others.

II. Closing

The Committee will meet again in April. In the interim, we will be in touch via email.