

Activities Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 7, 2005

Those present were: Christine Fleming, Rae-Ann DiNino, Karen Donovan, Liz Radzik, Kerri Ramponi, Maura Glushik, and Christina White

→ Introduction of new members

Poll/Survey Results:

We reviewed poll results. Approximately 32 people voted during our activity survey. The breakdown was as follows:

1. Holiday Stroll (22)
2. Welcome Committee for new neighbors (20)
3. Oktoberfest (20)
4. Easter Egg Hunt (19)
5. Mom's Night Out (16)
6. Walking Club (13)
7. Playgroup (12)
8. Welcome Home for new moms (10)
9. Softball Game (9)
10. Book Club (5)
11. Poker Night (3)

Other suggestions received were:

1. Recipe swap night
2. Toys for Tot collection at Stroll
3. Community Yard Sale
4. Come up with events geared towards teens and preteens
5. Mom's night away up North or Cape
6. "Around the world dinners" where one person does app, one dinner, one desert, etc.
7. Cookie Swap
8. Scrap booking nights

Holiday Stroll:

We picked a date for the Holiday Stroll with Santa and worked on the logistics. The breakdown is as follows:

- Date: Saturday, December 10, 2 p.m.
- Place: Stroll around Morningside/Millbrook end at park for presents/activities
- Use train for Santa's sleigh and helpers.
- Use sacks for toys and put them in train seats
- Have helpers wear Santa hats (use neighborhood teens).
- Decorate train with garland, music, lights, wreaths, etc
- Encourage neighbors on the stroll route to have a table out with cookies/cider, etc
- Hold two contests at the park for older kids: a basketball throwing contest for boys and girls and possibly a three-legged race (weather permitting). Have three \$10 prizes for winners (gift certificates to Hanover Mall).
- Have parents send in a wrapped gift (around \$10) for each of their own children for Santa to distribute and ask for people to bring a new, unwrapped toy the day of the stroll for Toys for Tots.
- Have an extra sack available for those kids who might not have presents and show up
- Encourage parents to attend the event with their children as a family
- Use a megaphone to call kids up for presents
- Parents can bring their own camera and take picture of kids with Santa
- Possibly have Santa sit at the little wooden house in the playground for pictures and presents if weather permits, if not he can sit in the front of the train and kids can come to him there.
- Ask for any volunteers at the annual meeting that might Christmas carol
- Christina has the full Santa suit and a few sacks - she also knows a neighbor who might be able to be Santa.
- Karen and Maura also know a neighbor who might be good too. They will all check and get back to us.
- We will need to get candy canes, Santa hats, sacks, tables and chairs for park - Christina has one table and chairs. We also need a bell for Santa.
- We also need a boom box or something similar to play Christmas music on the train and at the park

To advertise the stroll we will:

- Create a flyer to be put in mailboxes for this event. Chris will create and Liz will make copies at work. We will also pass the flyer out at the meeting.
- We will put all the information on the Millbrook website
- We will create signs like the ones for the Annual Meeting for both entrances (Maura offered to create these but we've since heard that Jerry Blake will do them for us).

Playgroup:

Christina White will organize the playgroup. Chris Fleming will forward her all the names of people who expressed an interest on the survey and she will get it going. We will advertise it on the website and have people interested contact Chrissie.

Mom's Night Out:

Kerri Ramponi will organize the Mom's Night Out. She is going to pick a date and look into different places. We will have one soon. We will advertise on the website as well.

Welcome Committee for New Neighbors:

We are going to start working on a welcome basket for new neighbors. We would like to see the blue Directory updated as that is such a wonderful resource. We also thought having a hand out with helpful information about the website, neighborhood activities and Rockland events would be great. We will ask for everyone's help in letting us know when new families move in as there is nobody who really tracks this.

At this time these are the activities we will concentrate our efforts on. As we move forward we will discuss the Easter Egg Hunt, Oktoberfest and other great ideas we've received.

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 28 at Kerri Ramponi's house.