

**Activities Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 28, 2005**

**Those attending:**

Chris Fleming, Andrea Dever, Rae-Ann DiNino, Karen Donovan, Liz Radzik, Kerri Ramponi, Maura Glushik, Christina White, Heather Finnerty, Amanda Pulisfer, Jean Roche and Michelle Blake.

The purpose of this meeting was to finalize plans for the Holiday Stroll with Santa on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Rockland Holiday Magic:**

After being contacted by Kristin Tanner (Millbrook Drive) who helps run the Rockland Holiday Magic Program (helping needy Rockland families) we decided to donate a portion of our toy drive to their cause. Additionally, we decided to combine our first Mom's Night Out with a shopping trip for the program. We will be given a family's wish list and money to buy gifts and will act as shoppers. After shopping we will meet at a local restaurant for drinks/appetizers. We thought this would be a great way to give back to the community while enjoying a night out.

**Stroll checklist:**

We reviewed and updated the stroll checklist (see attached). The following was discussed:

- Chris asked three people to be Santa and was turned down.
- Rae-Ann is going to see if the for hire Santa is available
- Heather is going to ask a possible Santa
- Kerri is going to check with her brother
- Bill Fleming is a LAST resort but will do it if we are stuck (but PLEASE let's try to find someone else)
- Santa will stay in the train and give presents and get pictures taken from his seat (the end). He will also give out candy canes to the kids.
- We will have a train "conductor" drive. Karen Donovan's husband Eddie volunteered for this. Helpers and present sacks will take up the rest of the seats.
- While the train is driving around the block, kids can join in the parade and sing carols. We will also have a boom box with Christmas music (Maura and Christina have boom box).
- We will meet at Rae-Ann's house the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> to decorate the train with garland and bows to keep it simple (Liz can get garland). We can separate the gifts into bags by street at that time. We will also need to set up the two tables at the park.
- We decided to have Santa stop on the path (near the courts) and we can set up two tables for refreshments – we need to finalize this.
- Chris and Michelle will provide large garbage bags for the trash.
- Karen asked Mr. Keefe if he would volunteer to coordinate the basketball contest.

- Amanda picked up two gift certificates at the Mall for each winner (boy/girl).
- We decided to bag the three legged race idea and go with letting the teenage boys play touch football if they want.
- Heather is going to print out Christmas song lyrics to pass out
- We thought it would be good to have the police cruiser lead the way for the train. This will not only be good for the kids but it will also be good for safety reasons.
- Santa and his helpers will throw candy from the train as they go along.

### **Volunteers:**

We have the following volunteers available for us on the day of the event to help with Santa's presents, activities, decorating, etc.

- Shanna Sobol (with two friends)
- Melissa Solomon
- Kim Keefe
- Molly Roche (with one friend) – basketball contest?

### **Refreshments:**

- Kerri – chocolate chip cookies
- Maura and Karen – brownies
- Heather – fudge
- Rae-Ann – biscotti
- Andrea – bark
- Michelle – sugar cookies
- Liz – bread
- Chris – candy
- Amanda – cupcakes
- Everyone will bring one small thing of juice boxes and water.
- Steve Murphy is donating the coffee/tea/cocoa
- Rae-Ann's brother-in-law has donated large coffee makers/warmers

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 5 at Rae-Ann's house. As of today we have almost 60 kids attending so I think another meeting is in order.

PLEASE NOTE: Everyone please save all your receipts for anything you've purchased and we can turn them into Joe Ruffo for reimbursement. THANKS!