

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Present: Don Gillette, Peggy Schneider, Jani Eichelkraut, Michael Dougherty, Jim Reilly, Nancy Stisser and Alaina Rivers.

Absent: Joyce Kellogg, Candy Moore, Phyllis Revell, and Wayne Eichelkraut.

Funding request: In her report on recent meetings of a committee organizing the new Kris Kringle Market, Nancy noted that organizers hoped to have high school choir singers. In the past, Special Events has contributed a donation to the choir department for their appearances, and Nancy wondered if the committee would be interested in funding the singers for the 2-day market.

During the discussion, it was noted the SEC had money left from its Music in the Park allocation.

The market coincided with the Ice Odyssey, for which SEC had allocated funding. At the time of the meeting, the event had lined up 12 sculptures and 10 sponsors. Jim reported he had written to the Joliet Junior College culinary school, whose students are instructed in ice sculpting, to ask whether they could contribute to Ice Odyssey in lieu of the company hired by Ottawa to handle the event. Though the college sculpts for 2 events, it can't handle all requests because students have other commitments on weekends. Jim was referred to other professional ice sculptors, and plans to follow up with more information for the 2017 event, if it happens.

Action: On a motion by Jim and second by Jani, the committee authorized a contribution of up to \$200 (\$100 a day) to the department to cover the singers' appearance.

Minutes: On a motion by Jani and second by Alaina, the minutes for the October meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Alaina reported that nearly \$5,000 remained unallocated. Jim repeated his concerns about members being able to read and understand the financial report as printed.

Action: On a motion by Jim and second by Jani, the financial report was approved.

Festival of Lights Parade: Alaina reported that 32 entries were signed up, a typical number.

Music in the Park: The committee devised a tentative list of bands, and opened discussion about whether holding concerts a different night would be viable. The company used to book many bands had advised that Saturday is popular (and expensive) booking, and suggested Sundays or other nights, bands could be booked at cheaper rates.

Action: Ultimately, after contacting bands and securing bookings, the 2017 lineup is as follows:

July 1 – The Burls (patriotic night)

July 8 – The Kramers (gospel night)

July 15 – Flat Cats

July 22 – Crash

July 20 – Mary Pfeifer and the Troublemakers

August 12 – The Templetons

August 19 – The New Invaders

August 26 – Mason Rivers

Booking costs amount to \$7,750

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting is TBD.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider