

Londonderry Old Home Day Committee

Subcommittee Minutes

Name of Sub-Committee: OHD Baby Contest

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, March 9, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting Place: Merrill Conference Room

Subcommittee members present:

Kristen Ducharme

Katlyn McKenzie

Megan Plaza

Review of last year:

Held in the Matthew Thornton gym. Doors open for setup @ 8AM.

Setup should include:

100 chairs

6 tables - 2 tables for judges, 1 for food (coffee, munchkins and water), 1 for registration, 1 for prizes

2 big fans.

Contest needs to wrap up by 10 AM to support the start of the parade

Registrants pay in cash or by check (need to have cash available on site to make change)

32 Registrants (30 preregistered, 2 registered day of) - Need to make a judgment call on allowing entries day of

Judges were:

Miss Londonderry and Miss Londonderry's Outstanding Teen (Cara Bound is the contact: carabound@yahoo.com)

A volunteer from the Londonderry Senior Center (TBD)

Londonderry Student

Prizes:

Baskets for all winners. All the same except for Little Miss and Little Master each receive a \$50 Target giftcard and a customized sash.

Other basket items include:

"Little Lancer" onesie (size 18M) and bib

PUMA Sneakers in white or blue (Lancer colors). Last year I got the Little Miss winner a pink pair.

Stacking cup toy

Package of diapers

Bags for all participants. For 2018 & 2019, I've filled with dollar store items including bath toys, books, legos, bubbles. I usually prepare 35-40 bags in case of additional entries. The trouble is that the bags need to be prepped in advance and most people enter right up until the contest. Tough to judge numbers.

Vendors used in 2018/2019:

Stitch It Out – custom Little Lancer printing

Customized Girl – winners sashes with printed title

Amazon – stacking cups, bibs, onesies

Walmart – diapers

Target – gift cards

PUMA – sneakers (discounted price)

Dollar Tree – participants bags & contents

Things that didn't work:

Matthew Thornton gym is too hot. Fans didn't help much.

Entertainment – sound system didn't work well

Need separate announcer to emcee

Need to confirm the parade details for the reigning Little Miss and Master

NEW IDEAS

- Maybe use Stitch It Out for sash printing
- Venue change should be considered to provide a cooler spot. Orchard Fellowship was suggested as it is air conditioned. May reach out to Pastor Ken for details and costs.
- Potential to add GCs for baby's first haircut or first birthday cake with local vendor (A Sweet Slice, Homegrown Barbers, etc)
- Look for donations for day off treats – Dunkins to provide coffee & munchkins etc. Maybe Market Basket?

Tasks that need oversight:

Registration (Kristen to handle)

Prizes/Participants bags (Katlyn offered to take this)

Day of Announcements (Emcee required)

Sign up judges

Next Subcommittee meeting won't be needed until early May.

OPEN QUESTIONS for the committee on 3/19:

- Are we ok to look at a new location?
- Is there any additional budget for the contest?