

Londonderry Old Home Day Committee
Meeting Minutes 10/17/2019
The meeting was held at 7:00 pm, SunnyCrest Meeting Room

Present: Kathy Wagner, Mary Soares, Ali Lawrence, Bob Ciarletta, John Farrell, Lisa Dribak, Cathy Blash, Michael Malaguti

Absent: Reed Clark, Dan Lekas, Kristen Ducharme, Don Crossland

Press: Deb Paul, Matt Leathurby

I. Call to order at 7:04pm

II. Committee Updates

Senior Night

- Need to buy a Megaphone since it was hard to hear bingo and announcements with all the talking
- Slightly over budget however some of the items purchased this year will be used again next year
- Transferred \$2500 to concerts on the common for the band. Will continue having them plan the band for the night
- Seniors were pleased with the bingo prizes

Kids Night

- Was under budget
- Attendance was good
- Movie night at the police station went well
- Derry police and Fire and Londonderry police and fire want to continue next year with an annual softball game. The police department will coordinate.
- Mad science is back in business and might be a good option for next year's entertainment.
<https://www.madscience.org/schools-specialevents.aspx>

Friday Concert and Fireworks

- Everyone liked the new viewing area
- Needed trash barrels around the field
- Could not see the ground fireworks due to the trees. The RFQ should specify no ground fireworks.
- There was some confusion over the fireworks bidding process. The RFQ needs to be sent out in February
- If music is going to be played on the speakers during the fireworks then they should use the bandstand speakers
- The kids games will be moved to the back of the field so that sack races and an obstacle course can be done

Saturday

- Coffee and donuts at the Old Home Day Booth from the Resurrection Church were great
- Needed more kids to volunteer to run the carnival games. The cost was \$4200 for the higher end prizes. Kathy will pick some different games since some of the games didn't work well.

- The battle of the chiefs raised over \$200 for the keeping up the common memorial fund
- Booths sold out and raised over \$5000, the prices will remain the same next year
- Bandstand cost was \$3000
- Parade went well with the earlier start time. Having 4 people at the entry to direct people worked well. Parking was better. Budget was \$13,000. Having the 4 local bands was great. The NH Scottish Band was \$1500.
- Baby contest went well with over 30 contestants. We will continue to have the judges being two pageant winners, one senior and one youth
- Bingo saw record numbers. Will have a registration table next year to better control the bingo card distribution.
- Lion's club had to close early because they ran out of food
- Londonderry Sings will not be held next year since there has been declining contestants
- Night time road race went well
- Applestock went well
- Rotary Car show went well
- Day of service went well
- Historical Society went well and had a nice selection of crafters
- Touch a truck went well

Finance

- \$9825 was collected in sponsorships
- Beginning fund balance was \$23960, town appropriation was \$10150, Revenue was \$17860 for a total of \$51970. Expenses were \$29346.63. The finance department has the account details.
- John will discuss with the town council making the old home day appropriation part of the town budget

Administration

- A town resolution was created in 2001 that recognized the old home day committee as a town committee and named a town position as being the committee chairperson. That town position was eliminated several years later and Kathy Wagner accepted the committee chairperson position. The town council will now decide the town employee that will lead the committee.
- Old home day meetings could be recorded to promote new members

III. Adjournment: 7:56pm