

Inspiration Social Committee Minutes

October 27, 2022 | 5-6pm

Via Zoom

Attendees: Rea Heatherington (Chair), Sue Nowak, Mark Kinslow, Joy McWilliams, Erica Greenberg, Pamela Syverson, Debbie Hardesty. Public Alliance: Kate Innes, Nicholle Snyder.

Review Past events

Fall Festival, Pumpkin Decorating, Chili Cook Off & Home Brew

- Good turnout and great weather.
- Discussed having volunteers from the social committee to help with pumpkin delivery. 250 pumpkins were delivered for the 2022 Fall Festival event.
- Straw bales were the right amount and easy to rent (pickup/delivery) from Parker Feed.
- Same winner for both chili and beer trophies. Chili ran out early. 3 brew entries and 5 chili entries. Residents are planning on starting a Home Brew Club which will hopefully gain more interest in participation next year.
- Look at ways to connect with the community- some residents did not know what event we were hosting-not yet on email distribution list.
- We will plan on hosting this event at Picnic Park in 2023

Upcoming events

Holly Jolly Jamboree-

- Decided to keep the name for this and next year's event.
- The Dessert Stand truck will serve hot chocolate, cider and coffee at no charge to residents. This will be communicated to residents prior to the event. Nicholle will provide information on a sandwich board outside of the Dessert Truck. Discussed having the food truck in the Start/Finish area.
- Parade will meet at the Inspiration Club parking lot. Bikes, cars, trucks – decorations and costumes encouraged. Mark has Santa Stop signs to use for Santa Letter stops along the parade route. Discussion on moving the event to Pathfinder Park if it is ready prior to our event, utilizing the large shelter in case of inclement weather. The parade route and Communication regarding location will be sent in a couple of weeks following our next meeting.
- Discussed activities we would provide for children/teens. Would like to incorporate items for all ages including memorable personalized ornaments (possibly use stickers or markers to decorate plain ornaments), scratch off ornaments (simple craft),

Purchase a Prinker machine (temporary laser tattoos), cookie or gingerbread decorating, gingerbread houses, rice krispie trees to decorate (gluten free). Also discussed food might not be a good option as we have a dessert truck working the event. Planning on 200 children and will need a couple of volunteers to help with craft cleanup as needed.

- Discussed Santa's Letters – We will bring our Santa letterbox from storage, print copies from the website version and have pens available. Santa & Mrs. Claus will collect letters as they go. Discussed using Santa Stop signs for designated stops instead of stopping when he sees people. <https://inspirationmetro.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/LetterToSanta.pdf>
- Discussed if we would like to change the parade next year. See if Santa and Ms. Claus would be open to being in one location under a shelter or tent or use another Santa performer. Need to book by February.
- Extra trash cans for easy clean up.

Future events

- No events occur between Holly Jolly & Snowman Showcase.

2023 planning

- Suggested: Swap out the happy hour event to bring back summertime Movie on the Lawn at Pathfinder Park. Sue or other volunteers will help vet the movie choices. Joy is researching to see if there are options to bring down the cost of licensing a movie.
- Discussed 2023 Snowman Showcase theme. All in attendance like the theme “Snowman on Vacation”. Suggested having a Prize basket with goodies to entice participants.
- Discussed bringing back Movie Night at the park. Sue and Joy will work together to come up with movie options.

Services Center Update

- Resident survey for Services Center potential uses - Joy suggested that residents should know how the building would be utilized. If the building will be built and be of use daily, residents may be more open to accepting the idea of it being built.

Open discussion - Feedback or suggestions. The committee was pleased to have increased participation at this meeting and to get new members. Mark’s post to the community Facebook account helped.

*Future meeting dates: 11/17. **No December meeting.** Next meeting: Nov. 17,2022*