

OHD MEETING – January 11, 2022

Jen Hoyt opened the meeting at 7:15pm

ROLL CALL: Lisa Walker, Dave Merwin, Jennifer Hoyt

Public present:: Dora Rapalyea, Jim Hoyt, Brett Walker, Louis Andrus (via zoom), Gayle Landry (via zoom), Judy Preston (via zoom), Kathleen Doyle (via zoom)

Jen moved to approve August meeting minutes, Dave seconded, all agreed. August minutes approved.

#### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Citizens of the year writeup?** Lisa stated she would do the write up. She will call Kim about when the write up for citizen of the year is due for the annual report.

**Citizen of the year voting when & where?** Dave suggested that we put a ballot in the lifelines and let people know where to drop off. Boxes were at academy hall, store, and library. Dora thought if we found three people that aren't involved in any town business and have three people get together and discuss who should be citizen of the year. Jim thought if we put it on a ballot box for citizen of the year. Brett suggested that it's separate from the election. One shot at town meeting. Sign and box on a separate table at town meeting. Voting for citizen of the year would be open all day and during the meeting. At the end of town meeting Chairperson of OHD takes the box and it's not known until the citizen of the year is announced at OHD.

#### **The following was decided on how to proceed with voting on citizen of the year:**

Count votes after town meeting and have the committee know who the winner is, but wait to announce winner at OHD.

Town meeting – biggest amount of people for voting.

Jen will do a write up to explain what would make a good citizens of the year (characteristics, etc. posting it on social media and web page). This will go out immediately.

Jen made a motion to have voting of citizen of the year at town meeting. Lisa seconded and motion passed.

**Boston Cane holder update – Isabel Laraia . Grace Anderson is the second oldest.**

**Budget update total? Signs at the 4 corners needed for this year (arrows with address of the green)**

Better organization of items at town hall (Brett has some more shelves we can put up and have OHD stuff organized) Lisa will bring the shelves up to the town hall and put them together.

Need to get ice cream scoops from Nancy Hayden as well as boom box & karaoke machine. Jen will contact Nancy to get these items.

**Making announcements:** DJ, use their system to do announcements. Need better system to make announcements. Use PA system from town hall so people can hear the announcements.

**Possible softball/kickball game after next year's muster 2:30 ish?** Muster will probably be on Sunday again this year. Brett stated that these are stand alone events, we just need to give them the infrastructure. Kathleen said in the past parents had little kids 20 – 30 min kickball game. Good thing is we have playground now that the kids can have to entertain themselves. Have rotary do food cart. We will advertise the games.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Event coordinator appointments – Jen Hoyt will be chairperson**

**Cruise night date time organizer** – Jim contacted Mac to see if he would organize cruise night again this year and he said that he would.

**Pet parade** - Dora said that she feels that the pet parade has seen its day. So, we aren't going to do a pet parade.

**OHD theme** - Jen is going to reach out to Mrs. Wheeler (principal at SES) to have the kids come up with some ideas for the theme of old home day.

**Food for cruise night and fire muster** - Jim and Brett will do food cart for cruise night and fire muster. Cruise night will be on Friday night again this year and the fire muster will be on Sunday again.

**Parade coordinator** – Lisa will coordinate this and Brett will help her. Brett collected a bunch of cards from parade participants in the BOHD parade.

**When is OHD day this year** - **Friday** August 12<sup>th</sup> **Saturday** 13<sup>th</sup> and **Sunday** 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Vendor choice for this year and coordinator** – Jim will be the coordinator this year. Dora said that they never charged but looked for donations. She said that they would get more money in donations than they would ever get from charging for a space. Lisa shared that when she participated in The Exchange (Tiffany Perkins) in Andover that they don't have duplicate vendors.

If the library doesn't want to do breakfast. Then Dave will talk to the historical society about doing breakfast. Coffee and pastries.

**Corn hole time and coordinator** – Jim contacted Brennan Lorden during the meeting and Brennan said that he would run the corn hole tournament again this year.

**Fire fighters muster date/time & coordinator Sunday (time same as next year?)** there were no attendees from the fire house at the meeting.

**Discuss vendors, kids events & general events** – planning on having Pam the clown back, all kids activities again, reptiles on the go, face painting, have more volunteers. Lisa said to reach out to Mark Ciarametaro (guidance counselor) at the high school to get high schoolers to volunteer for community service hours. Ask some of the kids that did make up for the haunt to help with face painting. Jen is going to ask Krista if she would come help as well.

Start earlier to have people/businesses donate money towards activities/events. Sponsors

Buttons again this year. Brett will do again. Same set up with a different building.

People had no idea who was on the old home day committee. They had no idea who to ask when they had questions. Jen said we should look into getting t-shirts. Sizes and numbers.

Some vendors didn't do well. They felt because of their location. Then some didn't do well because there were several of the same vendors (i.e. soap vendors)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dora asked if there are going to be any fireworks this year. Dave said that he heard from Nancy that she is not doing them this year. Jen recommended that someone reach out to her to confirm that she's not going to do them.

Brett said that OHD can't do them because it's too much of an ask of the fire dept.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** February 8, 2022 7:15pm

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:33p.m. Dave seconded. All favored, meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted**

**Lisa Walker**

**OHD Secretary**