

Minutes from UEN HOA meeting June 18, 2015 at the home of Jan Neher

Present – David Roffino, Mary Margaret Roffino, Jerry Nichols, Jan Neher, Nancy Sperandeo, Martha Feeley, Dee Murphy, and Brett Price.

Enough people were present for a Quorum. Minutes from last meeting on 4-28-15 were approved.

Treasurer's Report –

Previous Balance was \$8,800. Expenses = approximately \$500 to reimburse David Roffino for National Night out expenses. Remaining Balance = about \$8,300.

Fourth of July event –

- Police Escort – Jan Neher got an email from the city of Richardson, saying the parade is all set with the city, along with a warning disclaimer about the parade route. So the police will accompany the parade starting at Jupiter and Portsmouth at 9:45am. They will continue down toward Campbell Road and around the corner to Yale, down Chestnut Hill Lane and then to the Women's Club on Northcliff.
- Walkers - can be a problem when they can't keep up with the rest of the parade. A possible solution is for Jan to put up signs showing a short cut thru certain areas where they can catch up with the others.
- Signs – Martha Feeley and her daughter, Diane Spencer, have signed up to help put up signs for the parade.
- Drums – Martha Feeley's grandson, Shawn Spencer, plays drums and will bring other friends who play instruments?? to march with him in the parade.
- Unicycle – friend of Jerry Nichols will come to ride his unicycle in the parade again this year.
- Food purchase – David Roffino will purchase the food at Sam's Club. (150 hot dogs and buns, etc., see list on agenda). He will also buy a cake from Sam's. Dee Murphy is available that day to help David if needed.
- Ice Cream Truck – is handled by Nina Lassiter who paid \$250 last year. She will meet with the guy who owns the truck this week - to finalize plans?
- Balloons – Brett Price has signed up to blow up balloons. Jan has 350 more balloons and will bring them to Brett to blow up.
- Set up and serving – Alana Tinnin signed up but we need more people to help. Mary Margaret Roffino offered to help her.
- Portable Tables – (3) will be brought by Dan and Nina Lassiter and will set them up.
- Table cloths – Jan Neher has patriotic ones
- Truck decorating – Eliot Johnston will get the truck and help decorate. Jan has decorations. Set up Friday night to decorate the truck at David's cul de sac at 7 pm July 3rd.
- Sound system – Eliot has a sound system for the back of the truck.
- Cooking Hot Dogs – Mary Margaret Roffino will cook them and keep them warm.
- Garbage bags – will be brought by Martha Feeley.

- Prizes – Jan Neher will buy some at US Toy store.
- Coolers – Jan has 4 Styrofoam coolers. She will bring over to David's the night before.
- July 4th set up – 9 am Saturday morning at the women's club.
- Parade reminder – David will ask Eliot to send out a reminder by re-posting on Sign-Up Genius.
- More Onlookers needed – ideas needed to get people out of their houses. Police can blow their sirens. Remind people to come outside and wave to the parade participants.

The Buzz newsletter – deadline is this Sunday. Jerry Nichols has already sent Jan an article about the recent block party on Portsmouth, the street he lives on. Nancy Sperandeo will be submitting an article for a new series called Green Living tips.

Someone sent a suggestion online to have the Buzz online, and we might do that in addition to the paper copies. Jim Arnett said that we now have 239 members on Nextdoor.com out of 304 homes and that's about 80%, which are encouraging statistics.

The Buzz gets 120 copies printed each time but we should print out extra this time to hand out at the 4th of July event. Jan should ask the printer where the price break is for extra copies, or print out 350.

5 people already signed up on Sign-Up Genius to help pass out the Buzz newsletter: Jeff Burroughs, Jim Arnett, David Roffino, Edith Frank, and Beau Tinnin.

Committees –

- Yard of the Month – Dee Murphy is still doing it.
- Civic Committee – is the liaison between the city and the homeowners. Presidents of HOAs are now invited once a month to a city meeting to find out what the city is doing about Bond programs, etc. Meeting is 7 am Tues. morning on 2nd or 3rd Tues. of month.

Next HOA board meeting – should be about 1 month before the next event, which will be our Annual Meeting / National Night out, on first Tuesday in October which is October 6th. So next HOA board meeting will be August 27th at 6:30 pm at Jan Neher's house to plan for National Night Out.

Future of Homeowner's Association –

People were really excited with the turnout for the Block Party on Portsmouth recently. It was held on a Saturday evening with Hot Dogs supplied by host and other people brought rest of food. Kids played outside in the front yard along with pets. People were invited in person by someone who knocked on the doors up and down the street. Other people put flyers on the doors. So Block Parties work!!

Note – If we call our parade event a **Block Party** maybe we can get more people to attend. So a suggestion was made to say in big bold letters on The Buzz newsletter that the 4th of July Neighborhood Parade will be followed by a block Party at the Richardson Women's club.

Enlisting more helpers for HOA events –

A suggestion was made to have a special table at the Women's club area after the 4th of July parade for people to sign up to help with neighborhood events. Jeff volunteered to make up some Sign Up Sheets. He will ask for contact information, including name, cell number, email address, and areas of interest.

We should also ask them "How can you help your neighborhood? What would you like to see on Nextdoor.com?"

David Roffino will ask Jim Arnett to follow up with interested people who signed up on nextdoor.com.

Additional ideas for parade –

It was suggested to have Shawn Spencer play his drums leading a drum corp with little kids following him with their drums and have a flag bearer. Have rough costumes if possible so they look like a militia.

Martha Feeley will contact the Band Director at Berkner school and ask him if we could have 4 or 5 students come to join our parade with Shawn and we will feed them. We can also make a donation to the Berkner Band for additional payment.

Submitted by Nancy Sperandeo