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LIGHT UP THOMASTON

Time 8:00 A
Thomaston Town Clerk

MINUTES OF MEETING 9/21/16

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PRESENT: Maureen Wilkas, Lauren Marano, Tom LeVasseur, Steve Lattimer, Armond Roy, Carol Hoebel, Dave Hoebel, Joyce Berch, Karen Lamy, Jennifer Nolan

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Tom gave an updated lighting report. Over the weekend Steve, Mike, Tom, Tim and Jim were able to complete the review of 8 buildings and replace any necessary bulbs. In regards to the electrical project we'd like to complete this year, Jim spoke with Tommy Hill who is willing to do the project. Jim and Tom plan to meet with Tommy to discuss further.

Karen confirmed Dave Lamana will be the emcee for this year's event.

Maureen printed all the stuffers for the IGA fundraiser. Karen and Tom will assist by cutting the stuffers. Karen offered to take piles of stuffers down to IGA weekly, beginning in mid October. Maureen also confirmed that IGA has no problem with us setting up a table in front of the store anytime (as long as no other fundraisers have been booked that day.) Maureen requested everyone email her their availability to volunteer passing bags out.

We discussed having a volunteer orientation meeting on October 5th to give our newly recruited volunteers an overview of what help is needed this year. Karen offered to call the volunteers and invite them to the October 5th meeting.

We agreed to start pushing for gofundme/paypal donations on Facebook in mid October.

We also discussed the need to figure out where to send the cupcakes since we do not need to reserve the Church hall this year (as we are not passing out hot dogs.) Maureen mentioned the Red Cross/Ambulance passes out hot chocolate and may be a good place to have some cupcakes, as well as by the chowder as they have been passed out there in previous years.

Karen mentioned that the Ladies Auxiliary Club (firehouse) would like to participate this year by handing out popcorn balls and cocoa. We agreed to invite one of their members to a meeting. If they pass out enough popcorn balls we may not pass out any food ourselves, and offer to pay the Ambulance Corp. for a portion of the hot dogs they give out.

Jenn gave an update on the PTA raffle baskets and said that she is waiting for confirmation as to whether or not they will allow this type of fundraiser.

We discussed the need to hand out the wreaths soon; Tom is confirming with Michelle if she is doing that for us this year.

Carol has reached out to the Fire Dept. on their participation in the parade, if they are holding a bonfire and if they can handle garbage cans this year. She is waiting for confirmation.

The committee made a motion to donate \$100 to the Husky Dogs who will walk in the parade. The motion was accepted and Maureen will start the process of getting a check approved.

Maureen has ordered the double sided window clings that will be give to our sponsors.

We discussed ordering traffic cones. We decided 30 would probably be enough to start with this year. Maureen found pricing around \$10 per cone but online shipping costs can be an issue. Tom was going to look further into amazon's options, and Don Lamy was checking with Home Depot to see if he could get a discounted price.

Carol mentioned that the Leos are willing to participate in this year's parade and will also be decorating a tree for the Festival of Trees. She also mentioned that she has reserved meeting room 1 for the committee on October 12 as another committee needs the room we usually meet in.

Maureen suggested that next week's meeting be dedicated to discussing the Misfit Toys float.

We set a date of Saturday October 22nd to hand out trees to people and businesses who have volunteered to decorate them for the Festival.

Jenn offered to be a facebook admin and respond to comments or questions from our Facebook fans.

Finally, Maureen mentioned that she has been working on handbook about Light Up for new members and volunteers to reference. Lauren agreed to proofread it.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren Marano, Secretary