

Knox Youth Council

Meeting Notes- December 2, 2015

7:00-9:30 pm

Members present: Mari DeLucia-Evans, Glenn Humphrey, Mary Humphrey, Vas Lefkaditis, Becky Carey, Dennis Barber, Chasity McGivern, Tom Payne, Anne Payne, Sandy Quay, Meg Murphy, Sarah Pasquini, Maryellen Gillis

Meeting Notes

- Review and adoption of the mission statement and core beliefs
- Discussion: By Laws
There are currently no existing by-laws, procedures and protocols in place for the Knox Youth Council. Committee established to draft basic by-laws for review and adoption at the January meeting. Meeting to draft the by-laws to be determined.
Committee members: Maryellen Gillis, Vas Lefkaditis, Glenn Humphrey, Chasity McGivern
- Discussion: Background checks
The question was raised as to whether or not backgrounds checks will be required for volunteers. Following the discussion, it was determined that it was not necessary at this point due to the fact that all current programming is family oriented. Concerns were raised regarding the cost, and the perception of the community (Is it reassuring to parents that all volunteers have been checked?) and the perception of the volunteers (may discourage individuals from volunteering).
-Further information needed: cost; funds for checks; whether other communities require background checks and how are those background checks funded. Town Board input needed.

- Suggestions: Volunteers would be required to sign a form outlining the expectations (similar to Little League). Copy of this form will be distributed for review and adoption at the January meeting. Best practice will be emphasized- always two adults/volunteers present when working with children.
- Discussion: First Aid Training
Offer first aid training (CPR and AED) training for coaches, volunteers and open it up to the community members. Contact Helderberg Ambulance Corps for resources.
- Discussion: Council Members List
A list of the council members is due to the Knox Town Board for appointment by the January 1 meeting.

Committee Reports

- Winterfest (Sarah Pasquini)
E-mail has been sent out to all that expressed interest in volunteering. Meeting to be set up. Suggestions included : flooded tennis courts for ice-rink, chili contest (upstairs town hall); crafts downstairs (with hot chocolate and bake sale. Flyer to be distributed through BKW before Christmas. Traditional sledding, cardboard sledding contest; prizes; stop watch needed for timing of the races.
- Memorial Day (Discussion)
Possible chicken BBQ as a fundraiser' discussion about cost and return (Giffy's is \$8.00 per dinner; 250 minimum purchase guaranteed). Concern raised about competing with the fire department. It was decided to contact the fire department for possible collaboration. M. Gillis contact Dan Sherman, president of the fire company.
- Summer Program (Sandy Quay, Maryellen Gillis)
 - Weeklong program- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. July
 - Craft activities/workshops/sport and games
 - Stipend for presenters/teenage assistants
 - Tap into Cooperative Extension resources and local organizations for activities and programs

- Discussion of offering tax deduction or stipend to present- will research further
- Culminating activity for families
- Sporting equipment needed

New Business

- Triathlon- D. Barber
Possible fundraiser for the summer. A run, swim and bike ride co-sponsored with a running club. Entry fee would be \$120 per contestant. Dennis will draft a proposal to bring to the February meeting.
- Proposed partnership with the Knox Historical Society- G. Humphrey
Glenn is planning a back to basics event in the spring and possibly again in the summer. Families participate in mini-workshops which recreate basic skills from the past. Will bring details to January meeting.
- Glenn also offered a Spooky Science activity for the Halloween Party.

Budget

- Balance of Account: KYC budget- \$1,735.64
Equipment: \$12,500
- KYC Budget- Approved purchase of sporting equipment for KYC activities in the amount of \$1,735.64
- Playground equipment: Approved the purchase of equipment for pre-schoolers for addition to the Knox Town Park Playground
- Establish a playground Committee and Fund

Final Discussion Item

- Discussion : Shared Services agreement- V. Lefkaditis will research the background of the agreement.

