Ashland 4th of July Committee
May 9th, 2018

Present – Fran Wendleboe, Katrina Randlett, Deb Perdue, Sue Harville, John Harville, David Ruell, Phyllis Reitsma, Kendall Hughes, Harold Lamos, Ernie from Ashland Community Church as guest.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40, the pledge of allegiance was done and Roll Call was taken. Ernie offered to do the food tent that was done in the past but would like to be located closer to the baseball diamond. The night of the fireworks he will be away but has someone who regularly coordinates events that will be doing the food. Food will be burger, hot dogs, chips and drinks. The money raised as profit will be donated to the 4th of July Committee. During the parade they will also be giving away food at the church. He will check to see if they have additional workers to help with either children’s games, or with parking.

Minutes – The April minutes were reviewed, Kendall made a motion to approve the minutes, John 2nd and it was approved by 8 with 1 abstain.

Treasury Report – Funds have started coming in for the ad book, and banners. We have only paid out fireworks and postage so far. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Phyliss and 2nd by David.

Old Business –
1. Brochure – a copy of the first draft of the brochure was shown, and photocopies of the written article were passed around, some grammatical changes were made. In discussing the article about Ernie it was suggested that an old fashioned police car may be nice to have. Kendall was going to check to see if the car from New Hampton PD may be available.

2. Fundraising Update – at this point 13 Business card ads, and 3 line ads, and the back cover have been purchased for the ad book. 20 banners have been reserved for the backstop and 3 banners for the tennis courts have been reserved. We budgeted $4000 for income for Ad books and we are projected to be at $4625. We budgeted $5000 for banner income and we projected to be at $5450, we are also still getting more calls for banner advertisers. Deb is communicating with Patsy on this to keep track of payments. Deb will also forward this to Katrina.

3. Contracts – all contracts have been sent to the vendors, except Art Harriman. They will then be countersigned by the town when we receive them back.

4. Update on field items – the buttons are in for 1000 buttons it is $272.58 and we budgeted $500 Arm bands were ordered and are in 1000 for $150. The field will have corn hole, children’s ping pong, pirates hog came, we have budgeted $500 for chum and will get order together. There will be an apple pie contest by sponsored and judged by dots, and the common man. Tents will be needed for this and other items – Harold offered to donate the tents that he has. A playground monitor is still necessary, and 3 100 ft cables are still needed.

5. Update on parade items – Grand Marshall hat has been ordered and is in. Bird and Rick Ash have been asked and agreed to usher the parade to keep things moving. Sue has a list of floats that plan to participate in the parade. We need to get signs to indicate where people should line up.

6. Other – we need to post more on facebook – Fran will ask Becca to ad Deb, Katrina, and Sue as admins to the facebook page. The t-shirts have been ordered they will bill when they come in budget was $1000 total is $998.
New Business -
1. Trash Cans – more trash cans are needed. Fran said we could use cans from the fair if there was someone willing to go get them. Trash cans will need to be emptied before dark and have new bags put in them. The full bags can be put next to the trash cans. Katrina volunteered Todd’s truck to collect trash from the trash cans along the street.
2. June 13th is the volunteer meeting – we will need a list of everything that we need a volunteer for, and Sue will create a sign to try to get volunteers interested.
3. Fran mentioned the house decoration contest that was suggested, we will finalize this at our next meeting.

Other Business –
1. David will take plaque to be engraved, Deb has an award frame and will bring it to the next meeting.
2. Depending on weather Harold will do a bubble demonstration on the field.

There is an additional meeting this month on May 23rd at 6:30 at Sherrill Hall, Episcopal Church.

Meeting was adjourned.