

Ashland 4th of July Committee
minutes
November 28, 2018

Present –Fran Wendleboe, Kendall Hughes, Katrina Randlett, Deb Perdue, Sue Harville, John Harville, David Ruell, Phyllis Reitsma, Harold Lamos, Shannon Hartley (late)

Meeting was called to order at 6:30. The pledge of Allegiance was done. Kendall made a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting. This was 2nd by John, 2 abstain, 7 in favor.

Treasury report –All outstanding businesses have paid in full. A check was written to JD Designs for \$.02 less than we expected, and Katrina just got the bank statement, so our numbers are off by \$.02. There was a discussion of the rolling budget and we went over our budget making changes as needed. Kendall made a motion to accept the budget as amended to be submitted to the town. 2nd by Phyllis, all in favor. Katrina will finalize it and then send to Deb to pass on to Charlie.

Old Business

Food Trucks – Sue has contacted approx 20 food trucks her suggestion based on talking with them is to charge 105 of their intake. The concern is that we do not know what we will be getting for income. The vendors would need to pay a \$100 nonrefundable fee to help ensure they show up. We would have to trust and count funds. Sue asked Fran about contacting someone for cotton candy and fried dough. Sue passed around a few trucks info that she has talked to. All the food trucks would be a different type of food. We will continue to work on this, going under the model of \$100 or 105 whichever is greater.

Fireworks – The new contract is as we discussed last month is ready. The contract is for \$15,000 and will have new shells that are shaped, as well as be set to music. Kendall will send the contract to Charlie.

Vertical Entertainment – Deb passed out the proposal from Vertical Entertainment. They will provide at least 1 game, a rock/wall bungee combo unit, 1 inflatable ride, and a novelty tent, and pay \$500 to do so. Sue made a motion to contract with Vertical Entertainment, 2nd by Kendall all in favor.

Parking – Fran checked about parking with Dollar General and they could not find the number to corporate, she will check back with them. Dots will be opening as a Mexican Restaurant we need to see if they will allow us to use the lot for parking on the 3rd still. Also Mr. Chucks is under agreement so when the new owners get started we will need to speak with them about using that lot as parking.

DJ – the dj would like a 50% deposit in January. John will work on a contract for them and email it.

Parade – The army nation guard has said they will support the parade with a color guard. John will check with them for a truck as well. Fran suggested checking with the Wright Museum for a static display; Sue said she would do this. The Shiners' cannot come to the parade, the 1st and 5th regiment cannot come to the parade. Both Baker Valley and Moulton Band can come. Moulton Band has quoted us \$400 this year. We are still trying to get in touch with The Sons of the American Revolution. Just Because asked about playing on the 3rd, they have been told that we are just doing a DJ this year, but they could be in the parade still. Sue is going to check with some car dealerships about cars for the parade. Kendall suggested appointing 3 judges for the parade.

Face Painting – Sue will talk with Stacy about a flat fee that she would pay to face paint and any money made she would keep.

Theme – Deb read all the suggestions discussed last month, some other suggestions discussed were the Ashland Express, Party Central – suggesting the center of the state. The consensus for the theme was to go with Peace, Love, and the 4th of July.

Mary Ruell Award – A name was submitted to the town before our meeting last month, the board agreed to change it to 2 members of the family. David will contact them.

Grand Marshall – We all agreed that the person discussed last month was the best candidate. Kendall will reach out to them.

New Business -

Grafton County Commissioners saw Ernie Paquette as our 2018 Grand Marshall and it was submitted to the annual report. He will be 1 of 3 the report is dedicated to this year. The ceremony for that is Dec 11th, all are welcome to attend.

Social Media Policy – some board members received this by email this afternoon. We will read and review to discuss at our next meeting.

Other Business -

Deb & Fran will work on writing the report part for our annual report. They will discuss the new plans for next year and our successes this year.

Advertising letters will be worked on by Deb and Sue so they are ready to go in January. The letter will be a similar format to last year, with no price changes. The new brochure will be a pamphlet style

There will be no December meeting. Our next meeting is January 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.