

## **PRC Meeting 11-9-2017**

### **New Durham Library 7 PM**

Present: Dot Viesel-Andrew Hernandez- Nicole Hunter

Excused absence: Doug Perkins

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

#### **Items discussed**

##### **BOS budget presentation:**

- Nichole Hunter met with BOS to discuss department's 2018 budget request. Next is presentation to Budget Committee on 11/15

##### **Ball field items:**

- Trash issue at the fields reviewed- still transfer station responsibility. Town Administrator will continue to make sure the duties are taken care of.
- Nicole to meet with Local contractor Joe Perry to go over ball field items  
Railing for stairs missing at lower ball field  
Ice rink building- and specification.
- Recreation park wildlife habitat managed areas in park. Reviewed wildlife habitat guidance- Nichole Hunter met with rep from Strafford County Conservation District on 10/30 regarding what steps to take to support and encourage wildlife. Part of the discussion was limiting mowing in areas that are not in use (delayed mowing) to encourage wildflowers and plants for pollinators and other insects which in turn support other populations
- Playscape - NICHOLE HUNTER working on vendor quotes for mulch and some equipment to be purchased in 2017. Assuming CRFs will pass in 2018 vote, the rest of the equipment would be purchased in 2018 and installation would be set up (with volunteer support) in April/May 2018.

##### **Community gardens-**

Merry meeting house? - Reviewed garden proposal-

- Fundraising ideas review  
Fundraising: - FlipGive - TeePublic - Spread the Cheer - Usborne Card Boxes

##### **Programming:**

- Cribbage: Going well.
- Senior BINGO: Going well. Numbers have been up 45-50 participants last couple of Weekends with people coming from New Durham, Alton, Farmington and as far as Somersworth, South Berwick and Concord.
- Floor incident- rear gymnasium school door left open after Bingo, but recreation department worker had closed the door. Possibly there is a camera if they need proof of that claim
- Town-Wide Clean Up: Held on 10/21 & 10/22. Clean up at ball fields on 10/22. NICHOLE HUNTER Cleaned up memorial garden and took up plants. New soil delivered to be raked out. Volunteers stopped by field for snacks as well as to help with clean up.
- Pumpkin Carving: On 10/27. David G helped to get 25 donated pumpkins from McKenzie's Farm. We had 20+ participants and co-hosted with the Library.
- Halloween: 10/31 - Rec hosted a door at the Trick or Treat at the School. Georgie N Worked for rec and had assistance from teen volunteer, Sami.
- Additionally, Rec co-hosted the Halloween Happenings event with the Meetinghouse Committee at the Meetinghouse. NICHOLE HUNTER along with Meetinghouse Committee and two teen volunteers, Shane and Sarah, ran the event which Included treats, food and games. Wonderful event and consensus from those Present to do it in 2018 possibly with haunted walk.

- Soccer  
Over for the 2017 season. Great season. Ended with Gilmanton Jamboree on 11/4.  
NICHOLE HUNTER working on soccer ref reimbursement invoices to send out.  
Concessions by outside groups worked well. Families appreciated not having to Work in stand. NICHOLE HUNTER will review numbers regarding whether an increase in registration fees would be necessary to make up revenue loss from outsourcing concessions.
- Basketball  
Clinics on 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, Instructed by Dan Place. 30+ kids registered. Fees are for instructor and invoice will be submitted to finance for payment. David G is staff person on hand for the sessions (to keep track of registration forms, payment and be responsible party).  
Registration for regular season open through 11/19. League meets 11/20 and team numbers are needed then.  
New Durham is accepting registrations from Alton as Alton is not hosting regular teams for 2017-2018 season.  
Coaches: Have 5/6 Boys and 5/6 Girls as well as 3/4 coach and 4 year old coach. Need 1/2 coaches and a K coach.  
MMLA sponsoring \$500 towards sports which will go toward bball season.
- Kids' Night: Great success first time around. Next one is 11/11. Volunteers signed up. Currently 11 kids accounted for.
- Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday November 18. 27+ vendors/crafters/groups registered. Cub Scouts to sell concessions. Rec will host various kids' activities including Kids' BINGO (run by Georgie N), scavenger hunt and crafts table.  
NICHOLE HUNTER working on some crafty items to do some fundraising for Rec if possible. "Spread the Cheer" Fundraiser in the works to be unveiled at Craft Fair.
- LulaRoe Fundraiser with Mara tentative scheduled for 11/26.
- Senior Holiday Celebration: Scheduled for Sunday 12/3 with set up on 12/2. Planning meeting done. In the works. Invitations in to be put together and mailed out. NICHOLE HUNTER following up with 2016 volunteers and supporters. Co-hosted with Food Pantry.
- Holiday Party & Plunge: MMLA tentatively on board. NICHOLE HUNTER meeting with Mark Sullivan after 11/15 to discuss details.
- Festival of Ornaments?
- New Year, New You Fair: Scheduled for Saturday January 6, 3-7PM at the school. Vendors as well as free intro classes and workshops on meeting 2018 resolutions. Positive feedback so far. Several vendors and classes confirmed.
- Possible Winter Market/Craft Days in January-March/April.
- Trail Run: Nichole in talks with Tom Goss regarding this event in 2018.
- Kids Create Fair: NICHOLE HUNTER working on beginning plans

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM.

No Next meeting scheduled

**Meeting notes provided and submitted,**

**Mark D'Entremont**

**November 14, 2017**