

Henniker Community Center Activities Committee  
Meeting Minutes September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:00pm

**I. Call to Order**

MaryEllen Schule called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**II. Attendance:**

Committee Members-Nicole Adler, MaryEllen Schule, Heather Marino, Shannon Camera

Selectmen's Representative- Ben Fortner

**III. Minutes:**

Reviewed Minutes from August meeting

**IV. Teen Center:**

- Opening date for the Teen Center is set as September 16<sup>th</sup>. Nicole and Shannon will post it on Facebook and Nicole will send the information to the school.
- Not sure if the Juniors will be back and if they may deter the younger grades from coming again.
- Should we have a high school night again or actively advertise the high schoolers. Would we open in it Weare residents as well?
- Let's focus on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, at least to start
- Schedule:
  - 9/16- Nicole & MaryEllen
  - 9/23- Shannon & Heather
  - 9/30- Nicole & MaryEllen

**V. Movies**

- The movies were an expensive endeavor with little attendance. We used just about all of our funding on the movie licenses
- While we feel there are many options for partnerships for funding, we don't have enough of a turnout at this time to feel comfortable asking for sponsors or partners. Perhaps we can partner with the school
- Ben let us know that if we plan 6 or more months in advance, the selectboard can sign paperwork to have the license released for free. But the planning has to be done well in advance.

**VI. Holiday Event**

- We have the first two weekends in December tentatively reserved for an event
- The PTA has their tree lighting after the Henniker Community School Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- We'd like to partner with other venues in town to create a town wide event.
- Attendance was down at events across town and we feel that having everything on the same day would benefit all of us. We'd have parking in a central location and transportation to events around town.
- It's been done in the past and hopefully we can work something out for this year
- Chamber has an event on the 10<sup>th</sup> and St. Theresa's craft fair will be the weekend after Thanksgiving
- Our event with Santa duplicates a lot of other events in town. Maybe we just have too much of the

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same thing. What else could we do for the holidays? We'll bring ideas to the next meeting

**VII. Costume Swap**

- Ben suggested a Truck or Treat event, but the committee didn't feel they could pull it off in time this year
- A costume swap was also discussed. Ben motioned to have a costume swap the weekend of October 15/16<sup>th</sup> with the exact date and time to be decided at the next meeting. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor.
- Nicole will book the weekend with Cherry to make sure the Community Center is available.
- Nicole will also touch base with Henniker Athletics to try and get more information on tournament schedules for that weekend
- We could set up a donation box at various locations in town, similar to the uniform collection bins.

**VIII. Other**

- MaryEllen has been told on more than one occasion that there is money set aside for the Community Center but can never get an amount. We have the funds that we raise which is in a revolving account, but would like to know how much is in this other account
- We don't currently get a financial report—should we?
- Ben will do some searching for us
- We feel like our role as the Henniker Community Center Activities Committee has changed and we're not sure where it's headed. We feel as though we lost control.
- We need more volunteers and programs
- Ben suggested that maybe we aren't as proud of our facility as we once were
- There is a long list of repairs that need to be made, the upstairs doesn't look inviting. We are asking others to leave the building as they find it and that's what they are doing. The product we're starting with needs some improvement
- The committee agreed that we could check on the building each week when we are in the Teen Center, but physically we can't maintain the building.
- Nicole will work with the old playgroup to remove the toys from the foyer and the armoire
- We understand that the Parks department is stretched thin, but we're a small committee as well and can't be expected to fix things or re-arrange the furniture
- We agreed to start with regular check-ins on the building and see how it goes.

**IX. Adjournment**

Nicole motioned to adjourn the meeting. Shannon seconded the motion. All were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.