

Grant Park Festival Committee Meeting  
August 27, 2015

Present at the meeting: Dianna Dykema, Carl Frey, Connie Granger, Dennis Granger, Charlie Hale, Rick Marek, Deb Morgan, Gerry Morgan, Kim Raloff, Rich Shrouts, Bob Schurman, Laura Veldhuizen, and Gary West,

Rich Shrouts began the meeting at 6:03.

The minutes of the August 12, 2015, meeting were distributed.

Gerry Morgan reported that nine fest sponsors have contributed \$2,000, which is more than what was received at this date last year.

Rich Shrouts reported that the problems with the liquor license have been resolved and the license is expected to arrive at the Village Hall any day now. As soon as that happens, it will be faxed to Kozol Brothers so that they can begin the banners for the fest. They will be sending a large supply of drinks (beer and flavors of Mike's Lemonade) and bill us for what we use.

Gary West and Charlie Hale reported on the Car Show with Charlie explaining how it would be similar to what he did three years ago when he ran it then. SMR Awards was mentioned as a local source of trophies. He will also work on flyers and door prizes. The car show was decided to be on Sunday from 12 to 3:30. Following that time, the car show people will have an opportunity to do a Burn-Out over by the police station similar to what was done for the Driving the Dixie event. Updating the Burn-Out waiver will be done.

Kim Raloff reported that 26 spaces have been taken and she will now start placing crafters in the Beer Tent. She said that \$780 had been raised and she would like to earmark that money to go towards bands in the parade. Rich said that he would be talking to the band leaders in the next few days. Kim related the Fish Fry info which was pricing at \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors. There will be fish and chicken but no green beans. Dinner is Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. She reminded everyone that they need to provide dessert items to sell.

Review of Food Vendors in that they are expected to line up on the south side of the gravel drive. The grease container will be relocated between the building extensions and the dumpster will be relocated farther south so it is not near the food vendors. To date no food vendors have signed up but Squeals On Wheels and Bennett Curtis are expected to come.

Rich reported that wiring the generators hasn't been done as yet but a breaker box and four gang outlets are planned. The manual for the generators needs to be consulted in order to control the output correctly.

As far as the tent is concerned, Rich suggested that the snow fence be put around the tent on the three sides and attached to the tent poles. On the side to enclose the restrooms, renting portable and easily installed fencing is to be considered once we have a cost estimate.

Deb Morgan reported progress on obtaining licensed brewers such as Gordon Biersch to come for the beer tasting event on Sunday. A 501(C)3 number would be needed for them but they will come with signs and beer. Rich Marek added that St. John Brewers are also interested in coming and are in the process to be licensed in Illinois. It was decided to hold the beer tasting on Sunday from 1 to 5.

The parade update confirmed that the Shriner Camels are to be donated by the Co-Op. Jim Rowe has also submitted an entry form. The parade information sheet was passed around with changes suggested as no monetary award would be given. It was reiterated that no judging would be done as it was too difficult to make any distinctions between entries. It was mentioned that a horse rider was planning to come again. Rich will ask Ambrose about antique tractors in the parade.

Laura and Dianna are taking care of arm bands, cover charges and ID check persons for Friday 7 to 12, Saturday 1 to 12 and Sunday 12 to 4. The cover charge for the band nights is \$2.

The Scarecrows will be up again and will be displayed either along route 17 or the park.

Deb Morgan reviewed the Glow in the Dark items and said that if all items were sold they would bring in a gross of \$840. Connie mentioned that her nephew's golf team from the High School were on board with selling the items before the parade.

Deb showed pictures of the proposed T-shirts and there was a discussion about the costs and offerings of several vendors. A visit to Bessie's was planned to see about colors and glow in the dark simulations or ink. The committee is to receive a T-shirt all others will be by pre-sale only except for the 5K shirts which have a cutoff date of Sept 7th.

Carl Frey reviewed the security arrangements planned and asked that the committee contribute toward the overtime for officers since his budget was cut for this fiscal year. It was discussed to have Event Staff printed on the back of the committee T-shirts so that they would be seen around the grounds and could report problems to the police. This would allow for fewer officers on the grounds.

A 50/50 raffle was discussed with tickets to be sold all three days and especially at the beer tent table.

Bob will be managing the bartenders and a signup sheet will be in Dillman's.

Dennis Granger related current publicity efforts. He mentioned deadline dates of Sept 16 and 23.

Rich mentioned a Tech Grant had been approved and it could pay for LED lighting. He would contact Bill Wold and they would review the thirty page document.

Next meeting was scheduled for September 24, 2015, at the Park Building at 6:00

The meeting ended at 7:20 PM.

Submitted by Gerry Morgan