

Grant Park Festival Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2017

Present: Holly Benca, Katie Casey, Dianna Dykema, Carl Frey, Desiree Gore, Connie Granger, Dennis Granger, Jill Morse, Deb Morgan, Gerry Morgan, Susan Sampson, Rich Shrouts, Amanda Trompler, Susie Wiedl, and Bill Wold.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Bill Wold who then turned the chair over to Jill Morse.

The Minutes of the April 5, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Connie moved to approve them, seconded by Dianna. All approved.

The Financial update indicated that the guns, chairs, chair carts, raffle tickets and the committee's part of the Orio band have been paid. Current bank account shows a balance of \$22,968.

**Easter Egg Hunt:**

There was a brief review of the Easter Egg Hunt which all felt went well. We currently have approximately a thousand plastic eggs at the Maintenance Building.

**Oktoberfest**

Jill reviewed Basset training and said that the latest was that it would not be needed for persons serving beer and selling tokens. Susie currently has the certificate and Jill and Gerry plan to get the training and certificate.

Jill reiterated that all expenditures have to be reviewed and approved by the Village Board as the Festival Committee is a subcommittee of the Board.

There was a discussion of terms for labeling sponsorship levels and the following was moved by Deb, seconded by Bill and was approved by the group. Big Top \$1,000, Strongman \$500 to \$999, Ring Master \$250 to \$499, Lion Tamer \$25 to \$249. Sponsorships will need to be returned by August 18<sup>th</sup> to guarantee there being a sign for the sponsor.

Friday review.

Dinner: Taste of the County with the Village to keep 10% of the fees. Susie and Desiree volunteered to work on the form letters for this event. The setup in the Park Building by 5:00 with the items on sale from 5:00 to 9:00. The Health Department will need to be notified. Tickets will be sold for \$2.

Band: There was a discussion of the pros and cons of having a Friday night band. Connie moved to hire the band known as After Party for a fee of \$2,000, seconded by Dianna. Motion approved.

Since teens are not allowed in the beer tent, there was a discussion of possibly having a teen tent. Rich will call about tent possibilities. Possible costs would be tent from Sunrise between \$1,200 and \$1,300. Fireworks from Central State would probably be between \$4,800 and \$5,500.

The List of Responsibilities was reviewed and volunteers were assigned to the various items. (a current version is attached)

There was a discussion concerning a flyer and other posters for Anthony Orio as he is expected to be at an event in Kankakee.

Amanda reported that they will use an app to time the 5K this year.

Connie reported that Eldon Marcott was very interested in the tractor show and plans to be there.

There was a discussion about the Chili Cook-Off and allowing cooking off site.

There was a suggestion to charge \$2 for the Burn-Out. Carl was wondering if some bleachers could be found for seating as there were quite a few people there last year.

There was a discussion concerning using the Community Center on Saturday night so the Crafter Form will be changed to say that the building must be cleared by 5:00.

The bonfire was very successful last year and it was decided to continue it this year.

Next meeting scheduled for June 22nd at 6:00 in the Park Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM by Jill Morse..