

Grant Park Festival Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2017

Present: Hollie Benca, Dianna Dykema, Carl Frey, Connie Granger, Dennis Granger, Jill Morse, Deb Morgan, Gerry Morgan, Rich Shronts, Bob Schurman, Amanda Trompler, and Susie Wiedl.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Jill Morse.

The Minutes of the May 11, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Connie moved to approve them, seconded by Bob. All approved.

The Financial update indicated that the current bank account shows a balance of \$23,193.50.

Oktoberfest

Rich reported that Sunrise Tent will be providing the big tent for \$1,150. There is a possibility that Sharper Homes would provide a smaller tent for children's activities. A 40X40 tent would run between \$350 and \$650.

Jill reported that \$970 has been collected and the guns are all paid for.

Restroom low quote is \$911 plus \$100 to insure all of them for the event provided by Service Sanitation. The After Party Band has been sent a contract with a deposit of \$400.

Friday review.

Dinner: Susie will mail the forms for the Taste and will call the Health Department.

Bingo – Diana, Deb & Dennis are up to date on preparations.
Rich will contact the After Party Band for publicity information.

Saturday review.

Crafter forms will be printed for the Village Hall and Dillmans.

Amanda reviewed the games and listed many of the ones being developed or purchased by her business. The target is games for all ages. A sand box for little kids filled with corn with more complicated games for older kids. Get tickets and use them for prizes. Arm bands for the two days were discussed.

A bonfire/firepit is planned for the evening.

We have forms for the Parade. The Fireworks are approved and the contract sent. This year the cost is \$5,200 for Central State.

Clean-up: Will talk to teachers & school groups & Dr. Palan about this.

Gia H will take care of Garage Sales.

Jill will take care of the Graffiti Car and will see about an obstacle course with beer goggles.

A possible golf cart parade was discussed. Some of the people in town have a cart. Use Carl's list to send a letter to them to include. Maybe a trophy or certificate for best decorated golf cart.

Need to print post cards to take to Kankakee where Orio is playing and ask him to announce the Grant Park performance. Ask Keith to ask him to do this. Have cards at the event and slip in windshields. He is playing July 28 & 29 on Merchant Street.

Make sure George Ryan gets the information for his sign.

Grand Marshalls – Jill suggested that the persons who put the flags up for holidays be honored. Bob moved and Dianna seconded that they be chosen. Approved. The flag guys will be contacted to setup an interview and photo session.

Hay wagon- need to reach out for a decent wagon for the hay and then use it for the parade marshals.

Little Daddy will be in the parade on the Festival Committee trailer.

Jill will ask the band to march in the parade and possibly play in the afternoon, too. Possibly some kind of contribution to the Band is in order.

Dan at the Co-op will contact the Shriners for the parade, too.

Sunday review

Connie reported that Marcotte is very interested for the tractors. Gary & Charlie will be contacted about the car show. Dennis to receive the car show flyer for posting.

Deb reported that Off the Vine will be back this year for the beer/wine tasting. She is in the process of contacting Bordertown, Brickstone, Evil Horse in Crete, Goose Island. Grapes & Hops. It was discussed to allow them to sell beer for a donation or 10%. Possibly it could be done like Bob mentioned Jimmy Buffet was done with tokens sold and give back 90%.

Chili cook-off – Share proceeds with cooks with a tip jar for best & they keep the tips.

5K review

Amanda reported that plans are moving along OK. They have the timing app. They are setting up online enrollment for the 5K via PayPal and The Still Room. They are planning to use circus fingers for the route and are making flyers to pass out at other 5Ks in July. They do have to figure out what to do for bags with health bars and they will need water & bananas. Also planned is a sunrise yoga before the 5K.

Bar times: 5 to 9 inside building on Friday. Begin the bar in the tent at 7
Saturday 1 to 8 closed during the parade and then till 1:00 AM
Sunday 12 to 4

We are leaving the scarecrow contest until October.

Next meeting to finalize times is scheduled for July 20th at 6:00 in the Park Building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM by Jill Morse.