

Grant Park Festival Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2017

Present: Dianna Dykema, Carl Frey, Desiree Gore, Connie Granger, Jill Morse, Deb Morgan, Gerry Morgan, Susan Sampson, Rich Shronts, Trudy Szyrka, and Susie Wiedl.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by Jill Morse.

The Minutes of the June 22 and July 6, meetings were reviewed. Connie moved to approve them, seconded by Dianna. All approved.

The Financial update indicated that the current bank account shows a balance of over \$26,000 with \$3,000 from sponsors. Currently there are four registered crafters.

Oktoberfest

- a. Sponsor update: Ten sponsors have donated approximately \$3,000.
- b. Gun Raffle: \$1,300 has been deposited.
- c. Beer & Token seller update: Beer needs Saturday afternoon and early evening and Token sellers are needed all day on Saturday with four per shift.
- d. Friday Night.
 1. Taste has heard that El Cortez is very interested.
 2. Bingo – has spheres for bingo machine and we need to find or reprint “Fest Bucks”
 3. Band Publicity: Rich has some logos/pictures which he sent to Dennis.
 - a. There was a discussion about possibly printing postcards for windshields.
- e. Saturday Plans:
 1. 5K has a goal of fifty runners and will need that many water bottles and bananas. Also looking for donations for the runner’s bags.
 2. A 30 X 30 tent is reserved from Sunrise for \$250. There was a discussion about possible wrist bands for children but hand stamps seem safer. There will be a list of age appropriate games, the teen area will have oversize games with free games for teens only. An animal area is planned, looking for three or four persons to monitor the areas.
 3. Parade is looking to draw people with golf carts and all types of lighted vehicles will be allowed as long as the driver has a driving license. Must be decorated and lighted but can include lawn tractors, ATVs, golf carts with a certificate for winners. Jill will make some calls to other towns. Same route as previous years with the barricades (that the committee made last year) to close off intersections. Need Grand Marshal signs – Gerry will find.
- f. Sunday Plans

1. Car show flyers will be available tomorrow.
 2. Beer/Wine tasting will feature Brickstone, Evil Horse, Gordon-Biersch, Bordertown, Off the Vine, Blue Island and possibly Flossmoor Station. Charge will be similar to last year. Deb will be donating glasses this year for use similar to Tinley Park's Beer/Wine tasting glasses without the etching.
 3. Afternoon Entertainment – pending but children's games will continue.
 4. Chili form is still in construction and will be sent to Susie for final update.
- g. Publicity: Will print 819 flyers for the direct mail program. Will see about flyers at the school for registration and mailing in newsletter. Dennis will place newspaper ads at the best possible rate in the next few weeks.
- h. Miscellaneous: Will need house paint for graffiti car. Reviewed small horse and cart for possibly next year. The Burn-Out will have a 50/50 and a trophy is being made. Would like to have some belchers for spectators to view the burn-out. Gerry & Deb will review last year's Oktoberfest signs to see if they can be altered for this year. If so, one or more will be up by the next meeting. Rich will contact Casey's for a donation.

The meeting schedule for August will begin on the 10th and be set for the 17th, 24th, 31st and September 7th all at 6:00 and at the Park Building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM by Jill Morse.