

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting 3/9/22 Minutes - DRAFT

Present- Phil, Danielle, Jan and Dawn meeting started at 6:00 PM

Phil asked for comments from the public and the following people spoke:

**Tricia Smith** -director of the Library and **Gil Standridge**, the Parks and Req. director. They proposed bouncy houses and crafts for kids again, they researched possible vendors and would like to bring this back again this year. \$300 for two bounce houses for 5 hours. The company sets up and tears down but we would need to supply volunteers. Gil already booked the bounce houses. The park and library have graciously offered to pay for it from the park and req. and library budget. The goal is to have something for every age range.

Motion made by Dawn and seconded by Jan to approve the 2/22 minutes.

4<sup>th</sup> of July timeframe was decided, the parade to start at 3, park activities at 4, and then fireworks at dusk. If weather does not cooperate the fireworks need to be used by the next day so we would have to set them off July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Park festivities, Danielle is going to allow vendors in for a fee, the funds will be used to pay for the music. Plan is to have the vendor area by the firehouse – on the driveway. Same food vendors from last year will be invited to come back in addition food trucks will also be invited. We need to find a beer vendor. Gill said he talked to a vendor called 1840, they would do set up and sales and they would donate a portion of the profit. Jan had the idea of just manning the booth with volunteers and keeping the full proceeds. If we do it ourselves, we need a bartender license or at least one person with one. Danielle will also see if a Germantown non-profit would like to sell the beer and soda. Danielle has one parking lot covered with volunteers she will reach out to other groups to take care of the other lots.

Music, Lynne has begun to look into music act options. She still needs to know what her budget is. A Company of Kids reached out to Lynn to see if they could perform before the band they would do their show first and Joey said that they could use their equipment. Boot Jack Band said they have the infrastructure to play and they play Country Rock. Joey said he can start at 6.

Fireworks trustee Myers was not present but he did find out that fireworks are 30% higher this year and we are still waiting from the Village to hear what he can spend. Right now, we are going to request \$50,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July budget.

Sponsorship, Jeannie was not present but sent in a report. She is working on the park and recreation brochure AD. The Sponsorship Group will reach out to local businesses for sponsorship. All sponsorship checks should be made out to The Germantown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fund so any unused funds will carry over until next year. A sponsorship level list will be published for the whole event.

Volunteers, Mary built out a volunteer SignUpGenius portal for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. All committee chairs need to get her the number of volunteers needed, the times they will be needed and what they will be doing. If you need more than 5 volunteers e-mail Phil so he can expand the number of slots.

Everyone needs to send the volunteers they have already to Phil, and he will enter them into the Volunteer Genius tool.

Danielle recommended we use Mark Schmidt as the grand marshal, or some other person with a title. Jan had a project idea for in the park. Have the School – History Class make drawings of all president heads and then like you would those say what was their greatest accomplishment. Or write up the Declaration of Independence and line the walkway to the park. Like Berma Shave ADS.

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Now the committees can take off and get their groups going.

Next meeting is March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 at Village Hall.

Meeting over at 7:25.