

## Bristol Community Events Committee

January 9, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Lucille Keegan, Claire Moorhead, Annie Learned, Kandyce Tucker (CADY), Cheryl Cizewski, Kris Bean, Les Dion

Claire opened the meeting with introductions.

Secretary's Report: The November 14, 2022 Secretary's Report was reviewed. *Lucille Keegan moved to accept the minutes. Claire Moorhead second and the motion passed.*

### Old Business/Updates

Holiday Event Wrap up: The tree lighting went well except for the rain that came right at that time. There were a lot of people there. Kim had sent some comments as she was there that night. She thought it was lackluster and that Carroll Brown should lead a sing a long leading up to the event. Also, it would be good to have hot chocolate there. (The Lion's Club was set up handing out hot chocolate for free and are there every year. Maybe advertise where they will be) We can ask Carroll to do a sing a long as we have done this in the past. We discussed having some elves downtown and also bringing the Grinch back. We did not have any costume characters due to the weather. The committee discussed purchasing a good snowman costume and we could share the cost with the TTCC as they use one for Santa's Village each year. Kandyce suggested some barrels with fires and have marshmallows to roast. It was also suggested we put a red nose on the Bristol sign that has the deer on it for that time of year. Cheryl asked if we should solicit donations for the Snowman costume. It was agreed that we should have enough funds left in the Events account to split this.

We discussed how great it would be if the downtown businesses ran specials that weekend. We could send a letter out to them well before the event to see if there is any interest. We also discussed asking the Boy Scouts if they wanted to sell their wreathes in the square that night and put them in charge of roasting marshmallows.

Ice Rink: Claire will put an email out to the committee to see if someone is willing to take the lead on this. First we do need to find out if the town is insured for this. Ingrid may have some of those answers for us.

### New Business

Event Schedule for Spring/Summer: It is time to check in with area organizations to get their event dates for the spring/summer brochure. We are looking at the following:

- Find the Easter Bunny Contest: We can do this for three weeks leading up to Easter. Les will check with Gina/Teen Council to see if they can do the pictures again.
- Mud Season Mixer: With the great reviews from our Fall Dance we agreed it is time to offer this again. Claire did check with Club Soda to see if they would be available and if we could get a break on cost if we booked them for two dances and a concert. He said

he could go to \$1,100/dance. The dates he had available were April 1<sup>st</sup>, August 17<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>. Claire will see if he will do a conditional contract to make sure we get funded at town meeting in March. Lucille said we could get advertising out early for these events. We do not need as many tables as we had last time. It was agreed to move ahead with the three suggested dates. The dance will be from 7-10 pm.

- CADY Events: Kandyce said that CADY will be holding a Drug Take Back Day at the end of April. It will run from 10 am – 2 pm at the CADY office. They are also looking at doing a Parent Shout Out event in April. They will be meeting with the Newfound Inn to see if that venue would work. They are hoping to get Brooklyn Rainey as the speaker and it would be open to 50 people.
- Community Night Out: This would take the place of the National Night Out event. The event has been very well received in the community but the National date is tough as many communities are vying for the same entertainment and resources. We discussed doing it on 6/29 as a kick off to the concert series. We could do the free barbecue again with music, etc. The other potential date would be 7/18. It was agreed that the June date would be our first choice to kick off summer. CADY would like to have a table there. We can see if we could get the D'HART helicopter or an armored car and check with F&G to see if we could get the Interlocking Moose or Operation Game Thief trailer.
- Dancing Under the Stars: Voices Against Violence will again be hosting this event at Kelley Park. The date is 7/20.
- 7/6 will be the Uncle Steve Band and they are happy to do the parade again this year as well.
- 8/17 is Club Soda and we are looking at other bands for the remaining dates. Some of the bands suggested were:
  - Morgan Nelson
  - Rebecca Turmel – local solo artist
  - Pete Gilpatric from Maine – Lucille said he sounded good
  - Breaking Character was recommended
  - Sixties Invasion – they were scheduled in 2022 but were unable to come
  - The Blues Brothers – Next Generation – Chery said they didn't seem great
  - Eric Grant Band – They were amazing and Claire will try to see if they could come back. They might be a great band for a street dance and we could see if Rotary would collaborate again.
  - Claire has put in a request for the 39<sup>th</sup> Army Band for any date they would have available.
  - Shana Stack Band
  - Canyon Run – Kandyce knows them and said they have a good following.
  - 8/26 will be Old Home Day

Next Meeting: Monday, 2/9 at 7 pm at Town Office

Submitted by,

Les Dion

*Approved on 02-09-2023*