

HAMPTON RECREATION & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

January 16, 2025, 7:00 PM
Hampton Community Center

MINUTES

Present: Andrea Kaye, Bruce Spaman, Stephanie Bora, Rachel LaVoie, Ernie Sayles, Juan Arriola

Also Present: Ben Waite, David Stone, Dayna McDermott-Arriola

Seating of Alternates: none

Call To Order: 6:58 pm

Audience For Citizens: Dayna mentioned that the Super Bowl Sunday Grinder Sale coincided at the same time as Rec's Karaoke event.

Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2024: Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes. Juan seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Spent \$190 for Christmas program. Started with \$10,114.30. Have \$7,095 left. Juan motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Rachel seconded. Motion carried.

Communications: Received a letter of resignation from Peter Witowski. Bruce recommended a letter of thanks be written to both Peter and Gay Wagner. Andrea will send thank you letters.

Additions To The Agenda: Juan requested \$500 for a band for Memorial Day cookout and \$500 for a band for the Fall Festival.

Old Business: Sports, Christmas Event, Karaoke Night, Movie Night, Reducing Commissioners

- Sports discussion with David Stone (Chair of Chaplin Rec). David shared some of the financial background of Chaplin Rec regarding expenses for their sports programming. He expressed that Chaplin Rec welcomes Hampton Rec and Scotland Rec to be a part of the program as Chaplin struggles with volunteers for the sports programming. David also shared a proposal idea to include Hampton Rec and Scotland Rec to create a Sports sub-committee. After discussion, Andra suggested some next steps and Bruce stated he is willing to work with David, Ben, and Ernie to discover more info. There are 20 Hampton children in Chaplin Rec's basketball program. David stated that Chaplin Rec appreciates any helping hands and anything else that we can do to help.

- Christmas Event was well attended. Approximately 60 people went to tree lighting and dedication of the Pavilion. Approximately 15-20 children took part in the ornament making activities. The Hampton Historical Society was very happy with the increased turnout to their event thanks to our collaboration with them. We are excited to collaborate with them again in future.
- Karaoke Night – Feb. 8, 2025. Andrea expressed need for volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Set up begins at 5 pm. Andrea and Stephanie went to Parish Hill to talk to two students, who took a babysitting course and who are both certified babysitters, to babysit during the Karaoke Night. Goal is to sell 40 tickets and currently only 8 tickets have been sold. Stephanie has been marketing the event through social media. Rachel suggested some extra social media tips to help remind people of the event. Rachel also suggested stressing that tickets must be bought in advance. Andrea hung up flyers locally. Stephanie will be hanging up flyers in neighboring towns in the tri-town community. Andrea put an add into the Hampton Gazette for this event.
- Movie Night - March 28, 2025 at Hampton Elementary School. Andrea spoke to SWANK for movie licensing. She was able to get a quote for 2 movies for \$440. This will cover our March movie night and a summer movie night. Andrea will fill out the SWANK movie request form. For March's movie, we are going with Moana 2. Andrea expressed need for volunteers for the movie night.
- Reducing Number of Commissioners Discussion - Andrea spoke to town clerk about possible charter revision. Andrea will look more into this.

New Business:

- Roll call vote for Ben Waite, nominated unanimously on November 21, 2024 for commissioner membership. Bruce motioned to vote Ben in. Juan seconded. Motion carried.
- Arbor Day - April 25, 2025. Bruce mentioned a place hasn't been picked yet, but possibility with the Hampton Historical Society. He suggested even having two trees, because the Conservation Commission is getting \$400 for event. Juan and Ernie showed an interest in volunteering.
- Memorial Day - Juan requested \$500 for a band for Memorial Day cookout and \$500 for a band for the Fall Festival. Andrea mentioned Fletcher Memorial Library are the ones who run the Fall Festival and will run the idea by them. Andrea made motion for Juan to get a band for Memorial Day for \$500. Rachel seconded. Motion carried.

Audience for Citizens: Andrea working on Annual Report. Rachel suggested doing a Rec Round Up spotlighting all the events Rec did in the past year and possibly doing a mailer to everyone in town. Andrea said she would check on the pricing for that with the post office. Andrea thanked Stephanie for all the social media work.

Adjournment: Bruce made motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm. Rachel seconded.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2025 at the Community Center.