

HAMPTON RECREATION & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

November 21, 2024, 7:00 PM

Hampton Community Center

MINUTES

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

Also present: Ben Waite, Fran Gustavesen

Absent: Peter Witkowski

Seating of Alternates: none

Call To Order: 7:00pm

Audience For Citizens: Fran Gustavesen mentioned that the Senior Club is trying to be more active and interested in joint activities with the Recreation Commission. Ben Waite has three children (one at Parish Hill and 2 at Hampton Elementary). Ben is involved with the Fire Department and the basketball program in Chaplin. He said he would share some ideas in the second audience for citizens part of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2024:

Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes and Stephanie seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No big changes. Only new expense was for Halloween. Budgeted \$100 and only spent \$50.

Communications: No new communications

Additions to the Agenda: Schedule for proposed meetings in 2025 later in the meeting.

Old Business:

- Ernie Sayles was sworn in as a Recreation Commissioner
- Halloween Witch On Main went well. Bruce helped with the set up. Kathy Donahue shared her Halloween decor. Juan and Bruce helped with the decoration set up. Stephanie Bora manned the pavilion giving out candy to the kids and information about the Recreation Commission to the adults.

New Business:

- Sports Programming - Ernie gave an update with the Chaplin Recreation Basketball program. 20 kids from Hampton are part of the program. (3rd grade to 8th grade.) They use the Hampton, Chaplin, and Scotland Elementary Schools for practice and

they use Parish Hill Middle/High School for their home games. The program goes until the middle of March. Ben Waite contributed to the conversation. Discussion about how to help Chaplin offset some of the costs of the program. Bruce would like to get more precise numbers of the program and the cost for each of the three towns. Ben suggested that the Hampton Recreation Commission can help with the end of the year banquet, covering the cost of pizza and drinks which is less than \$500. Andrea made a motion to create a subcommittee with Ernie, Bruce, and Ben to look at basketball with Chaplin Rec. Rachel seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in support of it. Andrea would like to have a vote by next meeting.

- Christmas - In coordination with Hampton Historical Society and Hampton Rec. Santa with gifts for ages 12 and under, sweets, and music will be at the Hampton Historical Society from 1 pm to 4 pm. At 4 pm, there will be a holiday ornament craft for children that Rachel and Stephanie will be doing. At 4:30 pm, there will be a tree lighting and Renee Cuprak will lead the caroling. The Seniors Club is interested in collaborating with this event and we welcomed them to be part of the event. Andrea purchased jingle bell bracelets for the kids to wear during the caroling. Stephanie will continue to share the event on social media. Juan discussed the Mennonites caroling to the shut ins.
- Karaoke Night - 2/8/25. Andrea spoke to DJ Glen who has all the equipment for a good price. Three hour long event. Stephanie will work on a Google Form for RSVPs and playlist suggestions. Babysitting will be offered in the lower level of the Community Center with the karaoke happening on the upper floor. Suggested pricing: \$10 per person or \$35 per 4 top table. Commissioners sell tickets to event. BYOB, wine and beer, approved by Mr. Cahill. Kids will have snacks and kid friendly activities. Stephanie will create the flyer.
- Movie Night - at elementary school 3/28/25 at 6 pm. Movie suggestions for next meeting.

Addition To Agenda - Proposed 2025 meeting dates. Andrea shared proposed dates and said she will email Commissioners the dates.

Audience For Citizens:

Fran discussed sharing the Mennonites caroling with the Seniors Club. She said she will share the flyer for Christmas on Main with seniors. Andrea mentioned the seniors are welcome to use the outdoor movie set up for possible matinees for the seniors.

Juan thanked Andrea for the advertisement she put into the Gazette.

Rachel shared a possible line dancing event idea. Fran mentioned seniors would be interested in this.

Ben expressed interest in becoming a commissioner, but will be on the sports subcommittee.

Adjournment:

Andrea made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Juan seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16th, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.