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Recreation Committee Meeting

Time: October 11, 2023 at 07:00 PM Eastern Time by Zoom

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

- Bob Vanderbilt, Co-Chair
- Stephanie Schlesinger, Co-Chair
- Emily Bird, Committee Member
- Bethany Van Kampen-Saravia, Committee Member
- Tracy Meserve, Committee Member
- Valerie Woodall, Councilmember for Ward 2

**The meeting started at 7:04 p.m.**

**Recreation Committee Agenda – 10/11**

- Welcome
  - Approval of September meeting minutes (attached)
- Discuss logistics and promotional plans for upcoming events
  - Sweaty Sweater Run - December 2
  - Holiday Family Outreach Event - December 16
- New Business
- Close of meeting

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome/approval of September meeting minutes

Stephanie and Bob welcomed the committee members to the meeting. September meeting Minutes were approved.

### 2. Discuss logistics and promotional plans for upcoming events

#### **a. Sweaty Sweater Run - December 2**

- Event Materials: Committee will repurpose race bibs from the 5K held earlier this year. Bob currently has the bibs and Stephanie has the microphone. The Committee will create and order medals for finishers and will vote on medal reimbursement/purchasing at the November meeting. There will also be a photo opportunity with Santa at the race where the Committee will provide a photo backdrop and work with local community member to serve as Santa during/immediately after race. The group decided against providing T-shirts and opted to focus on medals and promoting participants to wear their holiday sweaters.
- Promotion/advertising next steps: The race website has been created and is now live. Details have been shared on MtR Facebook and other social platforms. This month the Committee will work to finalize graphics and contact printer to get signs with QR codes made to place around the city in early November.
- Event support/logistics: Need to confirm with Valerie that date and city support are confirmed along with the tables and chairs are available from Mount Rainier Elementary School.
- Council outreach: The Committee will reach out to Council Members to include in their newsletters and to participate in the event.

#### **b. Holiday Family Outreach Event - December 16**

- The venue to host the Holiday Family Outreach event has been secured. It will take place at the Mount Rainier Nature Center from 9-12pm and the Committee will provide pizza and breakfast burritos from local restaurants. Overall, 24 families have been identified totaling 55-60 children. There were 21 sponsor family resigns from last year, and the Committee will need 5-6 more sponsor families to volunteer. Wish lists from the children/families will be submitted by the end of October. Emily and Bethany will work on outreach to parents Slack group. Bob is coordinating communication with local school counselors and sponsor families and will be focusing on matching families in early November. The goal is to have all gifts delivered by December 10th to be organized prior to the event. The Committee will plan to vote on reimbursement of other items during the November meeting.

### 3. New Business

#### **Mount Rainier Trunk or Treat:**

- The Committee voted to approve participation in the Mount Rainier PD Trunk or Treat event. The Committee is planning to host a trunk offering apples from local Butler's Orchard.
- **The Committee approved to reimburse the expenses of apples (approximately \$150) as well as up to \$200 of candy donations to supplement other donations for the event.**

### 4. Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.

