

November 11, 2009

The Tinley Park Community Resources Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Reta Brudd at 7:44 p.m., at the Kallsen Conference Center.

Present: Chairman Reta Brudd and Commissioners: Don Budny, Ron Centanni, Mike Cutrano, Steve Grein, Phil Raines, Mike Sevier, Al Siegers, Jeff Studzinski and Barbara Rose Whalen.

Absent: Commissioners: John Carey, Deb Melchert and Dave Szumigalski

Chairman Brudd announced that Linda Hayes has resigned from the Commission

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Don Budny to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mike Sevier. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Brudd thanked Al Siegers for chairing the meeting last month.

Unfinished Business

Studio

We have three new students volunteering at the studio, two from Marian and one from Tinley Park High Schools. They seem to be working out fine.

Christmas Events

Chairman Brudd reported on the meeting with Amy Chmura to ensure everything has been covered.

One change is that Santa will be arriving with a children's parade leading Santa's car from the Viking Hall to the train station. This will step off at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday morning with Rudolph leading the parade. Santa and Mrs. Claus will leave the train station that evening on a carriage back to the Viking Hall. Sunday morning the carriage will meet them at 11:45 a.m. at Old Central Junior High and return Santa at the end of the day. A squad car will transport Steve Grein and Mrs. Claus to Central Junior High at 4:30 p.m. for the Light Parade.

Deb has everything set for the market, but if anyone wishes to help set up on Thursday evening at 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The market will be open on Friday night with Don, Mike and Deb being there.

Saturday and Sunday Al will be in charge of the activities with the exception of Deb who will be at the market at all times. Chairman Brudd has two volunteers to assist at the market, one on Saturday and one on Sunday relieving one of our volunteers to assist Al. Everyone needs to be at the train station at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Al will be doing the scheduling so if you will not be there let Al know. There will be no decorating with the exception of the piping and draping for the photographer to be done.

Al Siegers is relying on Amy's itinerary to come through because things are different than what he has been used to doing in the past years. He plans to be there the entire weekend. Arrangements have been made for a few things that were not done such as the stanchions and the pipe and drape for inside the train station. A dry erase board will be placed inside the market listing the Santa group numbers that are being served, and our flip sign will be outside the train station. Signs will be made to locate the Santa visit and refreshment ticket booth inside the tent, as he understands that is where they are to be passed out and the free carriage rides. Chairman Brudd said our volunteers will be wearing the Santa hats and red scarves.

Chairman Brudd said Barbara and Joan Cutrano have been inside the train station every year, and know the process very well. She said the market opens at noon on Saturday, but we need to be distributing the tickets by 11:30 a.m. for Santa's noon arrival. The rides will be running from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Different colored tickets will be used on Saturday and Sunday with the Saturday tickets not being valid on Sunday. We will end distribution of tickets at 4:00 p.m. There will be community service kids to change the group numbers on the dry erase board. We will have two volunteers to be Rudolph so they can alternate every hour. They should be scheduled to arrive at the train station at 11:30 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

The tree lighting will be on Friday night at 6:00 p.m. so Mrs. Claus should be by the tree by 5:45 p.m.

We will not be giving out stockings this year, but stickers will be given in packages to the parents by the elves and Mrs. Claus will be handing out the candy canes.

Chairman Brudd has the glass bowl for cash donations for the food pantry. A bucket should be obtained for collections by the carriage ride. Al will research how to have a bucket hung or standing at the carriage ride.

Al asked how the tickets for refreshments are going to be given out. We will be handling the distribution, but Chairman Brudd understands they do not have to see Santa to receive the refreshments to ensure the vendors get paid for. We will need to see if there will be a limit on a number of tickets given to people. Chairman Brudd said the Village will have to determine if the tickets are to be given only to the people visiting Santa or to everyone. These refreshments will only be available between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m., if they are to be distributed after that time we will not be doing it.

Al asked Barbara to bring her Christmas DVD's. Chairman Brudd suggested placing the bins for food donations under the tables in the train station.

Youth in Government

Ron Centanni reported he has received names from Andrew and Lincolnway North High Schools. He is waiting for the names from Tinley Park to be e-mailed. He asked who will be handling the PR. Chairman Brudd said Amy will be contacting the newspapers and we will give them a copy of the Agenda with the names, schools and who they represent. November 24th is the introductory meeting, and December 1st will have a reception at 6:15 p.m. and the Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. A request for November dates will be e-mailed to Laura Godette in August of 2010.

Discover Tinley

Annette Rickerson reported she is waiting for information needed on the website and will contact the Village if credit card will be available for use to be placed in the initial letter. Annette requested that the deadline date be changed from April 2nd to March 31st, to allow a longer period of time for designing the set up and the program. She has requested mailing labels from the Chamber and Village. She has received the labels for restaurants from Amy. She hopes to have this letter to the printers no later than the first week in December to be mailed on January 5th.

As a heads up Annette notified the Commissioners she will be out of town from March 9th to the 25th, 1020. Amy has offered to assist, and she plans on having Amy return the confirmation letters as forms come in and notify Al so signs can be produced. When she returns on the 25th she will catch up on the paperwork as this allows an extra week with the new deadline. She feels the process is far enough along that this can be done. Chairman Brudd will be designing the program this year and has received volunteers to assist her.

Al questioned the 25% discount to Chamber Members being allowed to the non-profit organizations. Chairman Brudd explained when we increase the fees we also increased the fees for non-profit keeping their fees at the same rate. This only occurs for Chamber Members.

Wine Tasting

Al provided an update on the Brew and Vine Wine Tasting that will occur between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. after Discover Tinley. Documentation is being provided so vendors can be requested after January 1st. He asked if a flyer could be inserted in the Discover Tinley information. Chairman Brudd said she had discussed this with the Village and it is not possible.

Discover Tinley Booklet

The Village has the software to do this item, and they are trying to impose this on their new software to be updated. There are great photos in the recent Profile that could be also used in this booklet. She asked that the Commissioners review the recent booklet and list changes to be made in January.

New Business

Christmas in January

Al offered to host our Christmas in January party, and asked everyone to check their calendars to select a date by the December meeting. We will discuss plans further at future meetings. We

will either have a Pot Luck or possibly pitch in. This will be bring your own beverage as it has been in the past.

Good of the Order

Steve Grein thanked everyone for their support when his mother passed away.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Barbara Rose Whalen and seconded by Steve Grein to adjourn to the December 9th meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.