

NORTH CANAAN EVENTS COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Library 5:30 pm Monday January 22nd, 2024

Present: Co-Chairs Jenn Crane & Ann Talmadge, Jessie Lawrence, Mike Reagan, Pat Graf, Bunny McGuire, Jesse Bunce, Roger Doran, Christine Ness, Matthew Sadowski

Co-Chair Talmadge called the meeting to order at 5:37pm

Jessie Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Christine Ness seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Co-Chair report:

- “Who can make it happen?” board: introduction, discussion, assigned tasks
- Spring Event: May 18th Vendor Market, library plant sale, brainstorming of other community events
- Community Tag Sale: June 15th, Town wide with spots available at Lawrence Field/ the Pavilion (those would be donation based), look into getting a food truck for that location as well
- Railroad Days 60th Anniversary: confirm dates and update on social media platforms. Discussion of new events, gathering price quotes for Fireworks, who is going to follow up on past events? More train theming needed. New 60th logo for advertising and promo items.
- Fall Event: Sept 14th Vendor Market, what other community events will tie in?
- Winter Event:
 - Sponsor a tree event: change wording, get application out sooner
 - Parade of lights: confirm date is 12/1, as well as business window decorating contest.
 - Dec 14th Winter Market, need to make a stall prototype. Jesse Bunce brought up discussion of community bonfire with wood at the dump. Combine with music event.

Treasurer report: checking account balance is approx. \$37,000

Old Business

- Yearly calendar: Events in the surrounding towns and in North Canaan. For unity and attendance in the region.

New Business

- Committee member positions to be filled: secretary, marketing
- Vision/ charter/ mission statement/ by-laws: discussion, “we put unity in community”

- Downtown businesses are putting together a Valentine Stroll for the weekend of Feb 9-11, they would like to tie in a stroll with the Spring, Fall and Winter events. Railroad Days will keep the train hunt.
- Starting in March, 2 meetings a month will be needed for planning, 2nd mtg should not be on Mondays so others can attend.

Monthly Meeting: February 26, 2024 at 5:30pm at the Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm