LIGHT UP THOMASTON
158 MAIN STREET
THOMASTON, CT 06787

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Call to Order: 7pm

Introductions were done.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:
Motion: Christina Second: Peggy, Minutes approved as written

Treasurer's Report:

Balance $37578.38

Sponsorship to date $5975

Today received checks totaling $450

Expecting a check from Senor Panchos for $180 for the lights that were put on the new building.

New Business

- Business Sponsors $5975 plus $450
- DJ Spot and Stationary Spot for Matica
    - DJ did not love her spot, we need to find a new spot.
    - Matica needs to have a spot to have a stationary performer
    - We will table the decision until we have the maps and the lists of who needs a spot.
- J&J Precision Lights has reached out to get lights on their building. We are sending a proposal. If they would like to have the lights put up, we will need to purchase additionally lights.
- Ticket Price Increase for Festival of Trees, you currently get 20 tickets for $5. We could raise the prices. Motion to increase the prices $10 was made by Christina, Second Peggy, all in favor, so moved.
  We will keep the tickets for the wood carver separate. Nancy has sold the tickets in the past, we will ask her if she would like to continue. $10 for 5 tickets for the wood carver. The wood carver donates his carving.

Old Business

- Board of Selectmen Update – bylaws and all vendors are approved with the exception of the farm that does the tractor ride, we will look for this.
- Hot Dog Update, we are still waiting for an answer. Bring back to next meeting. We can follow up with Our Place on Main and Two Grumpy Guys.
- Chick-Fil-A Update: Giving us 30 sandwiches for the volunteers.
  Tony's coffee shop is donating coffee for the volunteers.
- Lights update
  - Senor Pancho's Completed last Tuesday
  - Former Methodist Church (Igreja Da Fé) Tom and Matt did a site survey, believe that we can do an update with the lights, we are planning to do the restoration on the building. Last year we left the lights unplugged because of the state of the lights. We will have them updated before the event this year and plug them in.
  - We have 6 buildings that we need the fire trucks to complete
  - The stars are all done for the water tower being installed the first Saturday in November. There will be two stars installed on the top of the water tower.
- Tree Update - we have begun asking businesses for donations of trees. So far we are doing well.
- Tablecloths – renting is expensive, we are still waiting to hear from companies. Melanie has a company that she can work with that we can purchase fabric for a decent price.
- Bows: $2000 for 50 bows. Plus $300 for shipping, total with shipping is $2059.59 for 49 bows as we have.
  - Motion to approve the expenditure not to exceed @2100 made by Christina, Second by Peggy.
  - Kaye will work on bartering.

Open Discussion:
Trailer has been cleaned, we were able to get rid of a lot of things.

Mrs. Joan Heery has agreed to be the Grand Marshall, Danielle has volunteered to assist with this.

Ornaments for Sponsors – Matt made 2 samples to view.

Santa's mailbox has been completed, this will be an alternative for kids that do not want to stay in line for Santa.

Lift for the lights crew – we have had some discussions of purchasing a lift that would go as high as 30 feet. Matt has been encouraged to go to the board of finance, if it is not approved this fiscal year, then to bring it back next year. If we purchase a bucket truck then

we will need to cover the insurance. If we go with a tow behind, we would not have to worry about. This would be a safer option than what we are currently doing.
If need be, we can do a capital fundraiser to cover any additional costs.
Rich made a comment that the board of selectment was very impressed with how well our committee was organized.

Christine made a motion to approve Matt going to the Board of Finance to approve, Hedy Second, motion carries.

Photographer would like to come again, she had 60 people download photos. She provided a download, She would like to be paid and be a vendor. Once she is done with the pictures, she still has to go home and edit them. She would like $600.

Church by RAFS would like to participate. They would like to do a puppet show. Beth has reached out to Pastor Marcus to see if we can put them out in front of the Church, if we cannot, we will reach out to Mike Burr to see if we can use the crescent gallery.

Terryville HS band played at the Big E, can we ask them to participate? Thomaston HS band is going to participate.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:11

Upcoming Meetings:
October 15
October 29
Then weekly