



Heritage Conf. Room
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Carolyn Bukiewicz – Chair
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CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

05:00 P.M.

The City's Vision

Oak Creek: A dynamic regional leader, connected to our community, driving the future of the south shore.

1. **Roll Call:** Present Chairperson C. Bukiewicz , C. Bautch, L. Marshall, W. Gassenhuber, C Kolhouse, J. Latus. Absent: J. Flatow, excused. P. Hansen, unexcused.
2. **Treasures Report**
 - a. Report was read and approved by all present
3. **Approval of August Minutes**
 - a. Lisa Marshall motioned, seconded by Jennifer Latus
4. **New Member Introduction**
 - a. Courtney Kolhouse was introduced as the newest member of the Celebrations Commission. Welcome aboard and the commission looks forward to working with you at our future events.
5. **Summer Soulstice Recap**
 - a. Volunteers were a great help with event. Group discussed the continued use of volunteers for the Summer Soulstice event.
 - b. Discussion to have 2020 Summer Soulstice on June 13th like past events or move it to June 20th keeping in line with Father's Day Weekend. Due to July 4th activities being two weeks later, it was decided to hold Summer Soulstice on June 13, 2020. Lisa Marshall motioned to hold Summer Soulstice on June 13th, Jennifer Latus second and all members present agreed.
6. **Halloween Safe Site / Historical Society**
 - a. Lisa Marshall motioned to provide \$500.00 for candy at Historical Society Safe Site October 27, 2019, seconded by Cindy Bautch. Vote was unanimous. Event is from 4pm-6pm on Sunday, October 27, 2019.
 - b. Winter Apparel Drive at the Oak Creek Historical Society will begin on Friday, October 25th and run thru Sunday October 27th until 6:00 pm. Containers available for drop off.
7. **Marketing Plans set for 2020**
 - a. Savage Solutions will be assisting the Celebrations Commission in 2020 with many of their marketing needs.
 - b. Tourism and Celebrations will look for ways to improve and support sponsors for all events.

8. **Stocking for Seniors & Cookies for Canines and Felines**

- a. Commission discussed replacing our Giving Tree Program this year with stockings for seniors & treats for canines and felines. All members present agreed to move forward with new idea.
- b. Start Date: November 18, 2019 to December 13, 2019
- c. Lisa Marshall to lead the event and to contact local senior centers and nursing homes to find out the needs of our seniors. Cindy Bautch to call local veterinaries and find best way to include them in upcoming program. Both will report back findings at our next meeting.

9. **Tree Lighting**

- a. Tree lighting ceremony will be on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Program time is 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Official tree lighting will be at 5:45 pm. Celebration Commission members please arrive at 5:00 pm.
- b. Academy of Performing Arts is looking to provide entertainment for this event.
- c. Salvation Army mentioned sponsoring hot chocolate for 2019. Confirmation of this is needed.
- d. Discussion held on the possibility of having Crafters in for an indoor Craft Fair starting at 10:00am – 7:00pm. Ideas included gift wrapping for purchased items. Patti Hansen will investigate and report back the possibility of having volunteers for this event.
- e. Winter characters will be present at event. Will discuss at October meeting and finalize the characters. Need volunteers to wear costumes.

10. **Next Meeting:** October 10, 2019

11. **Adjournment:** Motion by Lisa Marshall to adjourn meeting at 6:35 pm and seconded by Cindy Bautch.