



Heritage Conf. Room
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Carolyn Bukiewicz – Chair
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CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

5:00 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, W. Gassenhuber, C Kolhouse, J. Latus P. Hansen, K. Kolhouse, L. Marshall. Absent: J. Flatow excused.
2. **Treasures Report**
 - a. Report was read and approved by all present
3. **Approval of November Minutes**
 - a. Jennifer Latus motioned, seconded by Cindy Bautch. Motion carried.
4. **Stocking for Seniors and Cookies for Canines and Felines Recap**
 - a. The senior event was very well received by citizens. Both Booth Manor and Country View were grateful for the donations their centers received.
 - b. Group discussed going forward we will work more with the City of Oak Creek staff regarding which locations to use for donations.
 - c. Canines and Felines was a huge success, donations were delivered to the WI Humane Society
 - d. Courtney suggested celebrations should work with Tourism during the Dog Days in Summer, Suggestions include having a presence at different events throughout the city highlighting our upcoming events.
5. **Tree Lighting and Craft Fair Recap**
 - a. Great event over all, Lots of positive feedback.
 - b. Thank you to the characters Anna and Elsa for being at the event, kids enjoyed seeing the Princesses.
 - c. Vendors were excited. Overall, they were satisfied with the craft fair. Lots of great feed back from vendors.
 - d. Set up for the craft fair the night before was a success and we will continue that practice moving forward.
6. **Review and discuss calendar of events for 2020**
 - a. Magnets with 2020 events are being processed now and will be ready by February meeting.
 - b. Kyle suggested that Celebrations Commissions purchase a table skirt made for our events to have an information center at events.
 - c. Summer Solstices will be combined with Tourisms' beer garden June 13th located at Abendschein park.

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- d. July 4th working on planning and booking parade participants. The process for bidding for the fireworks is underway.
 - e. Halloween is Saturday October 31st a discussion took place having trick or treat that evening from 4pm -7pm.
 - f. Tree Lighting event to be changed to Lighting of the Square. Kyle and Carolyn will be working to find a company to provide light displays for this event. Another idea is to have other area business's sponsor additional displays.
 - g. All events will be discussed in detail at future meetings.
7. **Easter Egg Hunt list of requirements and assignments.**
- a. Discussed using plastic eggs from previous years. We will meet Jan 21st and March 21st to stuff eggs with candy.
 - b. List of tasks presented to each member.
 - c. Ideas for Golden Egg options. Group thoughts were 100 bags provided by Celebrations Commission with a sticker inside would warrant a prize. That would decrease eggs being opened and left empty outside.
 - d. Group decided to further discuss at February meeting.
8. **Update members on new sponsorship packet and plans moving forward**
- a. Discussed ordering T-Shirts for group.
 - b. The sponsorship packets will be sent via email to each member.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2020

Adjournment: Motion by Kyle Kolhouse to adjourn meeting at 7:13 pm and seconded by Pattie Hansen. Motion carried.