

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 21, 2012

Present: Don Gillette, Joyce Kellogg, Elaine Baker, Peggy Schneider, Mike Dougherty, Jani Eichelkraut, Heidi Eisert, and Nancy Stisser.

Absent: Wayne Eichelkraut, and Phyllis Revell.

Guests: Alaina Rivers (coordinator of the city's Riverfest parade).

Request for Funds: None official, although Nancy learned that Ottawa Downtown Merchants plan to request funds again for Scarecrow Fest and Ice Odyssey. The group will submit a formal funding request in due time.

Correspondence: Jim Reilly notified the committee via email that he will not be attending meetings while he recovers from surgery. The committee wished him a speedy recovery.

Minutes: May minutes were read and approved on a motion by Jani and a second by Don

Old Business: Heidi reported that she had contacted ABC Float Co. to secure floats for the 2012 Festival of Lights. She had not received a response or price quote as of meeting night.

Among new crowd control measures the committee reiterated will be to ban parking in the 600-700 blocks of LaSalle Street and to forbid ANY distribution of candy by floats or walkers in the parade. Festival of Light Parade discussions will continue as needed.

Old Business: Music in the Park host assignments were made as follows: July 21, Joyce; July 28, Don; Aug. 11, Nancy; Aug. 18, Jani; and Aug. 25, Elaine and Peggy. Nancy noted that the city stage will be erected June 30 for an Ottawa First fund-raising function and likely remain up for use by any of the Saturday night bands that want to. Bands also could choose to set up in the park as some did last year. It would be too difficult for city workers to repeatedly place and remove the stage.

New Business: Mike recapped the recent Cruise Night. The event was smiled upon by warm and dry weather, drew large numbers of registrants and crowds, and attracted classic vehicles from as far away as Springfield, the Quad Cities, Joliet and Dixon. Mike said the relocation of the Lions Club carnival to downtown created a busy, jolly atmosphere and neither event hindered the other.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.