

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2012**

**Present:** Elaine Baker, Peggy Schneider, Don Gillette, Mike Dougherty, Heidy Eisert and Nancy Stisser.

**Absent:** Joyce Kellogg, Wayne Eichelkraut, Jani Eichelkraut, Jim Reilly, Phyllis Revell.

**Minutes:** August minutes were read and approved on a motion by Mike and a second by Don.

**Old Business:**

**Festival of Lights Parade:** Heidy passed out a parade entry form. The only significant change in the form was a section forbidding the distribution of candy along the parade route. Entrants can pass out candy when they stop at Washington Park. Violators of this rule will not participate in future parades. The regulation is based on safety concerns and an attempt at crowd control to keep kids and crowds away from the moving floats. The parade is Nov. 23 and deadline for entries is Nov. 19.

**Music in the Park:** Elaine and Peggy reported that several people came to them during the last concert to praise the event series, and Nancy reported receiving several calls to that effect. Don said people had asked him about food service, since only the popcorn wagon and the church root beer floats are available for those evenings. Names of bands for next year were added to a list of possibilities.

**New Business:**

**Movie in the Park –** A Servants Heart, which had sponsored a series of outdoor movies in the park over the summer, will discuss their next move and whether – if they continue to sponsor the movies – they will ask for an allocation from the Special Events Committee.

**Committee Appointments:** In light of Alaina Rivers' involvement in planning the Festival of Lights (and Riverfest) Parade, she was nominated as a SEC member. A unanimous vote followed a motion by Mike and a second by Elaine. All members' terms expire this year, and their reappointments will be determined by the Ottawa City Council. Nancy asked for, and received clarification that city employee/committee members can vote on issues, which would affect Nancy, Heidy and Alaina.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.