

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 21, 2013

Present: Elaine Baker, Peggy Schneider, Mike Dougherty, Jim Reilly, Jani Eichelkraut and Nancy Stisser.

Absent: Don Gillette, Joyce Kellogg, Wayne Eichelkraut, Phyllis Revell, Heidi Eisert and Aleena Rivers.

Requests for funds:

None received, although the America in Bloom Floral Subcommittee approached Nancy with plans for a Botanical Fair. The committee asked Nancy to invite representatives to the March meeting to detail plans and financial requests.

New Business:

The committee reviewed 2012 financials and readied a 2013 allocation request for the Ottawa City Council. The committee agreed to request \$40,000, the same as last year. Any unused portion not allocated during this fiscal year (estimated at about \$5,000) was returned to the city.

Spring Movie – The committee discussed scheduling a spring movie for children during their Easter break. The event has been well attended in recent years.

Action: On a motion by Jim and second by Elaine, the committee authorized spending \$4,000 for a movie at the Roxy Theater on April 1. The allocation will cover admittance and small refreshments for children in Ottawa schools. The theater will choose an appropriate movie.

Old Business:

Festival of Lights Parade: In a review of the event, some issues were brought up to be discussed and resolved before the next parade. Traffic flow into the “wishbone” staging area was a concern as a steady flow of vehicles dropped off float riders and marchers. Also drivers for the out-of-town float companies should be provided maps of the parade route.

Related action: On a motion by Peggy and second by Jim, the committee authorized the purchase of a \$100 gift card to a local retailer for Santa and Mrs. Claus. SEC and the city appreciate all the couple does each year in celebrating the holiday with local families. The couple receives no compensation for portraying Santa.

Music in the Park: Nancy provided a list of bands that have filled out the schedule over the years and asked the committee to ponder the 2013 lineup. Music in the Park events will be scheduled on Saturdays in July and August, with dates and bands finalized later this spring. Approximately \$8,000 is set aside for the entire schedule.

here being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.