REHOBOTH TOWN EVENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

**Location:**       Rehoboth, Massachusetts, remote via Zoom`

**Date:**                October 13, 2020, 6:00 pm

Attendance: Jake Kramer, David LeComte, Jennifer Lecomte, Deborah Breckenridge, and Odete LaCourse

Absent: Dawn Crooks, Liz Fischbach and Sheila Kramer

Motion to approve the minutes from August 24, 2020 was made by Odete, seconded by Dave. Jennifer made one correction to the minutes. All in favor with that one adjustment.

**Agenda Items:**

**Committee members**:  Liz Fischbach has voiced her intent to resign from the committee due to her overwhelming workload. She said she would be available to help occasionally as needed but could not commit herself to the committee at this time. Dawn Crooks has not participated at all so Dave will reach out to her to see if she is still interested in serving on the committee. Once Dave hears from Dawn, Jake will send them both an email asking them to step down so we will have a quorum when we meet.

**Election of new Chair, Co- Chair and Clerk for the committee effective July 1st.**

Due to not being on the agenda for the last meeting, it was necessary to revote for officers on this committee.

* Dave nominated Jake Kramer to continue as Chairman of the Town Events Committee. Deborah seconded and no discussion. All in favor.
* Odete nominated Deborah for Co-Chair but Deborah declined . David nominated Odete as Co-Chair but she declined also. Jennifer nominated Dave to serve as Co-Chair to the Town Events Committee. Jennifer also confirmed that the position voted for was co-chair and not vice-chair. Deborah seconded, no discussion. All in favor.
* Deborah nominated Jen to continue as the clerk for the Town Events Committee, seconded by Odete, no discussion and all in favor.

     We discussed having a Treasurer for the committee but after discussion it was decided that the clerk would serve as a liaison between the town accountant (Roberta Olivera) and the committee.

**Finance report**: The clerk will be making a finance report from now on. Our current account balance is $1768.13.

**Fall Porch Decorating Contest**: This has been met with many positive comments throughout the community. Judging will be this weekend (Oct 17 and 18) Jen, Odete and Dave will be the judges and Dave will also be the photographer. Sheila will help Jen assemble the gift baskets for prizes. Odete made a motion to allow Jen to spend $175 to purchase items for the gift baskets. Seconded by Dave and all in favor. Just a note: most of the responses to the contest came from posting on Social Media.

New Events: We had discussed helping out with The Lions Club  Christmas Tree lighting and Santa Claus visit for this year but they have cancelled it for this year. Odete looked into planning a Christmas tree lighting for this year but due to Covid and timing needed to pull it all together we decided to wait until next year. Odete contacted the East Providence Senior Center to get logistics of planning a tree lighting. They put out multiple trees on the property which are sponsored by different organizations/people. We discussed 3 tiers of trees to be purchased-by organization, personal or corporate. We would provide the trees and lights and charge $30-60 each. We could also have a maze of trees to wander through. There are a lot of details and the timeline to get this all done so we decided to hold on this until next year. Jake suggested we talk to Cathy Amaral (Parks Committee) about the maze and also reach out to the Lions, Anawan Lions and Keep Rehoboth Beautiful and make it a combined town event.  Dave and Deborah will help Odete with this next year.

**Light up Rehoboth**:  Odete suggested encouraging residents to light up their yards for the holidays. It can begin November 21st and run through the Holiday Season. It would not be a contest. Dave will create a flyer for Light up Rehoboth. Odete has ideas that she will send to Dave.

**Scavenger Hunt**:  We discussed running a scavenger hunt with clues around town. We need more discussion on this topic including logistics and how to collect fees and clues. We discussed stamps in a booklet when you get to a location, using historic areas in town, taking a selfie at the spot and sending us a collage of pictures. Deb will look into this project further.

**Taste of Rehoboth**: Dave looked into the Fall River Taste. They ran their event a little differently this year. Dave will follow up with them to see if they were successful. Deborah was concerned about the revenue as there would be no silent auction or raffles.

**Movie tailgate party**: Maybe we could use Nike Park?

**Get to know your neighbor**: Start working on this with no firm dates. Possible with a BBQ or a cookoff portion using Rehoboth produce and meats. This would have to be planned for the late summer or early fall. Odete suggests setting a date and planning this where we could always cancel. It's easier to do it this way than trying to pull it all together at the end.

**Meeting Dates**: From now on, we will be meeting the fourth Monday of each month.

**Next Meeting**:  Monday October 26that 6:00 via Zoom.

**Motion to adjourn** at 7:13pm was made by Dave seconded by Jen, all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lecomte

Meeting Minutes Approved (date and time):

Date:    \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Time:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of The Town Event Committee Chairman

after minutes have been approved:

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John “Jake” Kramer – Chairman