

Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2019

Present: Kristi Tampio, Tiffany Cissna, Katherine Hample, Keith Allen, Barbara Sacks-Singer, James Gaston, III, Sallie Van Tassel

Minutes:

Halloween Debrief

- Halloween will be on Saturday then Sunday the next two years – plan is to celebrate on the day of Halloween
- Some feedback from this year's event that neighbors with younger children felt left out a bit on weeknight (needed to trick or treat around the same time)
- Survey again in two years when Halloween no longer falls on a weekend to determine neighbor's preference for weeknight vs Sunday before
- Potomac Pizza offers a great discount for community events (for future reference)
- Turnout was strong overall
- DJ was helpful distributing glow sticks (which were very popular)
- Stayed in budget

Adult Only Event

- Timing of 2019 spring fling and election was too close – perception was not ideal
- Consider making it a winter event instead – before candidate statements are due
- May 7 is election date; submissions required 45 days before which puts suggested timeframe for event in late February or early March 2020
- Chevy Chase Village hall is much less expensive than La Ferme
- CC Village is hosting a holiday social at village hall – have example of cost (\$11,800 – buffet style), plus the cost of renting the space
- Personal asks will be done first before posting a note to the list serve asking for volunteers
- Keith will ask his neighbors first and report back; looking to hold this event in late February or early March on a Saturday evening

Street Captain Update

- Two open positions (streets)
- Melville and Turner need captains
- Lynne Welle took over Brookville
- Could we deliver flyers to street captains for them to distribute so they don't have to pick them up at the office?
- Welcome bag delivery will be carried out by village office moving forward but street captain will notify office of new residents

CEC as Platform for Other Neighborhood Interests (non-event based)

- This opportunity was raised to the community but did not receive interest
- Events create a nice tradition and are agreed to be sufficient at this time
- CEC can help to amplify interests/initiatives that others want to spearhead; a way to do so is have people attend events and set up a table to hand out fliers and share their initiatives with the community

Open items from neighbors

- Block parties?
 - Can block the street but can't be private, and the street needs to be easily cleared in case of emergency
 - Must fill out a form beforehand
 - Committee to draft and provide a "how-to kit" with suggestions of how to throw a block party and hand out at events to encourage neighbors

Next Meeting

- March 2, 2020