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**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**October 9, 2019, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Kallsen Center Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Community Resources Commission was called to order by **Al Siegers** at 7:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members:     Ron Centanni  
                  Mike Cutrano  
                  Deb Melchert  
                  Al Siegers  
                  Mike Sevier  
                  Barbara Rose Whalen  
                  Garrett Gray, Associate Member  
                  Sue Pall, Village Liaison  
                  Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary  
Absent:         Don Budny  
                  Janet Czuchra

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made by **Mike Cutrano**, seconded by **Mike Sevier**, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Motion made by **Barbara Rose Whalen**, seconded by **Debra Melchert**, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**NONE**

**OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Studio**

**Garrett Gray** reported on the Studio. We have four new volunteers and so far all has been going pretty good. Also received information on another potential volunteer so we are investigating that. Trying to keep it as business as usual but feels very confident with the good people we got. Jason Freeman with the Marketing Department has been trying to get some other items for us. He acquired some wireless lavaliers but we have to share at this time. Phones at the studio are still not working. Sue Pall will check on the status of the phones at the studio.

**Ron Centanni** added that all is going well. We are set until the end of the year. Hopes the New Year will bring some new ideas.

**Discover Tinley Dates/Discussion**

**Al Siegers** stated Discover Tinley is March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Marketing Department made changes/revisions to the letter and application.

**Sue Pall** made revision to the letter and application and will distribute the electronic copy to everyone in an email for review. She stated that the mayor would like the Chamber to have a bigger presence but not sure what that means.

**Al Siegers** stated that the Chamber already has a double booth but if anyone else has some other ideas let him know.

**Denise Maly-Politano** stated she has reserved TNT, Dave Fleming (stilt walker), he has also recommended a face painter if we are interested. She charges \$85.00 an hour. Also have the DJ and the balloon guy, Kevin Chapman and Mr. D. **Al Siegers** suggested having the face painter penciled in for 11 to 2. **Al Siegers** also asked how we are with the stage entertainment. Denise stated that she is hearing the spring break excuse/problem that the schools are not able to get any bands together for that date. Struck out with Andrew, Tinley Park H.S. and Kirby and Memorial for choirs and bands. **Al Siegers** asked if we have any big openings. Denise stated that we do. The event date is the end of spring break for the schools in the area and we now have problems getting kids to perform.

**Garrett Gray** asked if we would be open to having his improve group perform.

**Ron Centanni** suggested Illinois Philharmonic.

**Deb Melchert** asked if a contract came in from Jim Roche for Svengoolie. She will follow up.

**Sue Pall** asked if we wanted him back or if we wanted something different.

**Garrett Gray** asked who would be the alternative. Thought we risk losing momentum if we skip a year with Svengoolie and people would be looking for him.

**Al Siegers** stated that we had a big line towards the end of the day. He drew a big crowd when normally lots of people would be leaving at that time.

**Deb Melchert** has not heard back from Obie. She filled out the application and sent it in. The only way to request them is an on-line form request. **Al Siegers** suggested having the mayor write a letter inviting them to be involved.

**Denise Maly-Politano** has not heard back from Midwest Garrison though she has contacted them numerous times via email and their website.

**Ron Centanni** needs student volunteers. Had a large group last year.

**Al Siegers** suggested contacting Trustee Brady to have the Boy Scout Troop 911 post the colors and do the pledge of allegiance. Denise will contact him.

**Mike Sevier** suggested CUB (Citizens Utility Board) having a booth to inform people about phone, heat and natural gas bills and provide information on how to avoid scams.

[Further Discover Tinley discussion followed regarding future dates and entertainment.]

### **Christmas Market/Pictures with Santa**

**Al Siegers** stated that Santa will be in the train station as he has been before. The tent will be on the other side with more security for the crossing.

**Sue Paul** reported the tent company is Arenta and the tent will be moved to the north lot with Santa at the train station. We are still waiting for the heating bids to come in. Increased staff at the train crossing to cross pedestrians. Legends will be taking pictures with Santa. We have a Mrs. Claus, Barb Bennett, who works in Community Development. Barb will be there both days. Santa will hand out candy canes. Santa's arrival by carriage from Forest View Stables. Also booked a stilt walker, roaming elf performers and some winter princesses who will also be in the parade. The music on the stage is all booked. Together We Cope will collect the toys again. We have 21 vendors. American Legion with Village Pizza and Open Bottle with IPA beer, Ashford House, Sweet Pea Gluten Free, Kernel Sweettooth, and Parmesan's. Hiring professional carolers who will also perform on stage in the main tent. We are still working out details because of the move but moving right ahead.

**Denise Maly-Politano** stated that we have Sheri helping as an elf and also Logan's brother.

**Deb Melchert** asked about the village booth. **Sue Pall** stated that there will be new product to sell at the booth. Some different items not sold before including patriotic hats.

**Ron Centanni** suggested a German type of mug with the date/year on it.

**Mike Cutrano** stated that we have a lot of animals but could always use more. Asked **Deb Melchert** to put out the word.

**Al Siegers** stated that the booth will be combined to help with manpower.

**Ron Centanni** asked how they will be organizing the caroling at the tree lighting this year. Suggested using high school carolers rather than spending money on professionals.

**Deb Melchert** asked for suggestions for the Battlefield Cross donations. Deb thinks the money from last year was never distributed to any organization. We need to check into it.

**Al Siegers** asked if the Toyland Parade will be following the same route.

**Sue Pall** stated the Toyland Parade will go down Oak Park Avenue and then end at North Street and the new tent.

**Youth in Government**

**Garrett Gray** stated we are trying to keep similar dates as last year. It would be February 18<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The one caveat he had was that Andrew H.S. could not participate because of Parent-Teacher Conferences conflicting last year. **Don Budny** will reach out to the representatives for the school and see what their availability is.

[Discussion followed on dates and coordinating with the high schools and the village board.]

**New Business**

No new business.

**Good of the Order**

**Barbara Rose Whalen** stated there was an article in the Brenttown Newsletter about the lady making buttons and an article about Reta Brudd.

**Comments from the Public**

No public, no comments.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, a motion was made by **Barbara Rose Whalen**, seconded by **Garrett Gray**, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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