

Minutes
Homer Township and Village of Homer Glen
Homer Harvest Days Joint Committee

Thursday, January 28, 2016 - 7:00p.m.
Homer Township Administration Building
14350 West 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491

Approved:

1. Call to Order: 7:08PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Present: Linsey Sowa, Regina Robinson, Renea Wojnowski, Sharon Sweas, Russ Knaack,
Randy Juras, Margaret Sabo, Mike McGowan

Absent: Karen Szykowski, Nancy Strack,

4. Amendments to Agenda:

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from August 20, 2015 made by McGowan, second by Wojnowski
ALL-YES, Motion Carries

Motion to approve minutes from September 3, 2015 made by McGowan, second by Wojnowski.
ALL-YES, Motion Carries

Motion to approve minutes from November 5, 2015 made by McGowan, second by Wojnowski.
ALL-YES, Motion Carries

6. Public Comment/Input:

7. Announcements:

8. Old Business - (Motion or Action may be requested)

a. 2015 Financials

- Discussion to buy children's crafts and tents.

Motion to spend up to \$1600 to purchase children's crafts and to spend up to \$400 for tents.
was made by Knaack, second by Juras. ALL-YES, Motion Carries

- Sowa discussed the condition of the banner signs. Signs are getting old and brittle.
- Wojnowski discussed signs for the property.
- Sowa discussed 2015 financials and passed out draft of invoices, expenses and revenue.

9. New Business - (Motion or Action may be requested)

a. 2016 Applications

- Sowa discussed the applications for 2016.
- Sabo asked if the 2016 applications are on the website and Sowa advised they were.
- Sowa will work on list to email applications.

b. 2016 Budget

- Sowa discussed 2016 budget parameters.
- Demonstrators - \$6000.
- Advertising - \$3300.
- Entertainment - \$3500.
- Activities - \$3500.
- Sabo discussed vendor fees: originally charged \$50, but now we charge 10% of sales.

c. Entertainment

- Sowa discussed having the same bands both days would equate to a cost saving.
- Discussed Professor Farquar and Pole Cat Annie. Sowa asked Knaack to contact Professor Farquar for pricing and availability.
- Sabo stated that we had Innisfree for both days in 2015.

d. Demonstrators

- Sabo stated that she is working on at least one more Civil War group.
- Sabo said that we may be able to add a Mrs. Lincoln to the event.
- Sowa mentioned that she received email from the baseball group-Lemont Quarry Men and asked if we should contact them. Space would be the biggest concern.
- Sabo said we should meet with the baseball group.
- Sabo discussed Kevin Wood, Mr. Lincoln and the Dollinger Civil War group along with a Civil War priest.
- Discussion regarding wet plate photography, person sells and demonstrates.
- McGowan asked about participants from the former Civil Way Days event.

e. Activities

- Sowa stated that the Corn Maze worked well.
- Knaack said that if we start going over the budget, we can cancel the Corn Maze.
- Knaack said that the Committee should contact the Frankfort Children's Museum.
- Sowa asked Knaack to contact the Frankfort Children's Museum for information and pricing.
- Knaack stated that the DuPage Children's Museum had an activity at the Young School.
- Juras said that one of the biggest draws were grandparents bringing their grandchildren.
- Sowa mentioned that the Open Space Committee is working on improving the grounds, removing the garage.
- Discussion on various new uses for the Barn including a display and selling craft beers.
- Sabo asked if it could be historic. Discussed historic food as well.
- Discussion regarding the changing of the atmosphere of the event. Effect on demonstrators.
- Juras mentioned that he has attended the Midwest Renewable Energy Fair for many years and they had a craft beer booth, but sold it after a certain time.
- Robinson said it may be a big concern, as the event draws many families and grandparents.
- Robinson suggested changing up the event, by having Harvest Days one year and an October Fest event the next year.
- Sabo discussed the need to establish the same event each year. Can't change or alternate this event.
- Wojnowski suggested having something after the Harvest Days event closes.
- Knaack said this is a family and fun event. Could changing it, change sponsorships.
- Sowa discussed the need to keep finding something new and different. Trying to find ways to grow the event even more.

10. Next Meeting - Thursday, February 25, 2016 7:00P.M.

11: Adjournment: 9:20PM

**Motion to adjourn by Knaack, second by Wojnowski ALL-YES,
Motion Carries**


Respectfully submitted by Sharon Sweas