

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

Thursday, June 2, 2016 - 7:00p.m.
Homer Township Administration Building
14350 West 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491

Approved: June 30, 2016

1. Call to Order: 7:12PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Present: Linsey Sowa, Mike McGowan, Sharon Sweas, Russ Knaack, Margaret Sabo
Renea Wojnowski arrived at 7:20PM.

Absent: Karen Szykowski, Nancy Strack, Regina Robinson, Randy Juras

4. Amendments to Agenda:

5. Approval of Minutes:

6. Public Comment/Input:

7. Announcements:

Discussion took place regarding meeting attendance and quorum.

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

a. Demonstrators / Vendors

- Sabo discussed concerns about people not sending in their applications in a timely manner. Many of them promised they would attend, but have not received anything yet.
- Sabo said that a number of contacts with the Civil War groups are not responding too quickly.
- Sabo gave applications to some of the vendors that attended Earth Day-Arbor Day.
- Discussed Midwest Soaring group that represents Indian life. They do education, dancing and pow-wows. The group now has an office in Lockport.
- Sabo said that Brian, the blacksmith is committed to the event.
- Knaack will ask the Will County Historical Society to attend.
- Knaack discussed capturing voice recordings on a 100 year old phonograph type of machine and re-recording it on a digital machine for attendees.

b. Sponsorship

- Robinson will pick up the sponsorship letters this week from Sowa.
- Sowa sending out letters to previous sponsors.
- Sowa advised that Szykowski made contact with Citgo, who is also thinking of bringing volunteers.

c. Entertainment

- Sowa said that the contract from the magician was received.
- Sowa stated that High Cotton will be sending in their application.
- Sowa will check on the application that was sent to Miles Over Mountain.
- Sowa discussed whether or not to have the corn maze again this year.
- Knaack mentioned the idea of using the barn as a display, similar to a museum's Main Street re-enactment.

d. Ads/Publicity

- Sowa asked McGowan about the website updates and if he can assist.
- Sabo asked if we wanted to take out ad to advertise for vendors and demonstrators.
- McGowan asked where would we publicize this?
- Knaack also asked what papers would this be advertised in.
- Sowa stated that the Farmers Weekly ads are reasonable.
- Wojnowski asked how are we going to screen these people if a lot of them respond to the ad.
- Sabo said the Morris paper and the Herald News is good.
- Sowa discussed a Farm Bureau ad for 1/4 page, Time Weekly front strip is \$225, 1/4 page ad is \$150. Joliet Herald is fairly reasonable.
- Sowa will work on creating an ad with McGowan not to exceed \$500.
- Sowa asked McGowan if he could look at updating free publications for vendors and demonstrators.

e. Food

- Sweas discussed Bud's Root Beer people, left several messages with no return call.
- Joe's Street Kitchen will commit and send in their money by the end of July.
- Working on a local pizza vendor.
- Working on Smokin Z BBQ, who is also doing Homer Fest.

f. Volunteers

- Wojnowski working on save the date for volunteers and inserting the link for the volunteers.
- Wojnowski discussed where we need the volunteers: pony rides, hayride, kids crafts, parking, set-up, tear down, corn maze, garbage, wagons, donation booth and delivering water to the volunteers, delivering water/food to EMA, Sheriff's Auxiliary, Highway Department.

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

- Discussed next meeting date.

10. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, June 30, 2016 7:00P.M.

11: **Adjournment: 9:20PM**

**Motion to adjourn by Sowa, second by McGowan ALL-YES,
Motion Carries**



Respectfully submitted by Sharon Sweas