

Meeting: Recreation Committee Meeting (Public)

Date: November 13, 2021, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Chalet

In Attendance: Charles Simon, Carolyn Pohl, Tom Travia, Al Markin, Fran Odyniec, Jenny Odyniec, Diane DiSandro, Alice Currieri, Karen Avery, June Wolfinger, Rich Wolfinger, Anthony Sellitti, Rosemari Sellitti

1. **Review of Agenda—Carolyn Pohl**

Agenda (attached) was read by Carrie Pohl. Each point was discussed with attending group.

a. **Review of Past Events**

Carrie Pohl read through a summation of past events since the last Rec Meeting.

i. **LLV 2022 Calendar**

Angela Schinzel was absent, so Charles reported. Winners have been notified and the calendar is progressing. Since the majority of the submitted pictures were of autumn, Charles will be posting seasonal reminders for people to take pictures year-round for use in the calendar.

Considerations:

1. We could use future pictures to also be a part of a LLV jigsaw puzzle to sell.
2. We could use future pictures to decorate the chalet and other LLV properties.
3. Current release is only for the calendar, but this could be done for future submissions.

ii. **Paint and Sip**

The first Paint and Sip was very successful and well attended. There were over 20 participants. The next paint and sip is on November 20th and there is already fair interest in it online. Attendance is expected to rise.

iii. **Wednesday Luncheons**

The luncheons had been well attended, typically with over 20 attendees each week. There have been new attendees most luncheons. Movies are not being shown presently—as a poll was taken at our first luncheon and the patrons unanimously voted to instead keep it social.

Considerations:

1. We will take another poll after Thanksgiving at a luncheon to see if people want movies or if we should continue without them.

iv. **Halloween Weekend**

1. **Rocky Horror Picture Show**

Weather concerns moved the showing from Locust Lake Beach to the Chalet. There were about 9 attendees, but we had people saying they would have attended if the weather was not so poor. Reception was good for those who attended.

2. **Golf Cart Parade**

Poor weather hindered entries (rain in the morning). There were four entries, and they had a mini parade led by Security.

3. **Costume Contest**

Good turn-out. Estimated at 90-100 children. Online maps were utilized more than physical maps, but physical maps were still asked for.

4. **Hocus Pocus Movie**

Nine attendees, including two families of four. Both families were newer residents, and it was their first visit to the Chalet. The attendees opted to make it a social gathering instead of watching the movie. Lower attendance was likely due to it following trick-or-treating and kids would rather go through their candy.

5. **Carved Pumpkin Contest**

There were six entries. It is suspected that lower participation was due to the time and day (early Sunday), and probably would have been better attended on Saturday. However, since Sunday was the 31st, we wanted to have an activity on that day.

v. **Volunteer Dinner**

Received glowing feedback from the caterers and will use them again. Estimated at 70+ attendees. Volunteer booklets were missing entries, though this was acknowledged in the book on the first page. Some committees did not submit requests lists of members. Ski hill volunteers were omitted because there was no committee at that time.

vi. **Football at the Chalet**

If anyone is interested, they need to call ahead, and Charles will set up the Chalet. We have not had any RSVPed attendees at this point. Once the playoffs begin, we will be hosting food events to coincide with playoff games.

b. **Upcoming Events**

Carrie Pohl ran through a list of upcoming events.

i. **Veterans Breakfast**

Veterans Breakfast will be Sunday, November 14. We are set for our volunteers. There have only been 12 RSVPs.

Considerations:

1. RSVPs for events have been an ongoing challenge, as the lack of RSVPs makes it difficult to budget for food to be purchased and prepared for events. This is something that needs to be addressed to help budget food and volunteers.

ii. **Luncheons**

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Wednesday before Christmas will likely have a reduced menu—traditionally those days there were no luncheons. Wawa hoagies may be done, or possibly just a reduced menu.

Considerations:

1. We may begin to show holiday movies at the luncheons during the season.

iii. **Paint and Sip**

Covered during the review of past events. Charles will post flyer for Paint and Sip to social media after the meeting.

iv. **Nature Program**

Charles is looking to start a monthly Nature Education Program. The first one will be on November 27th and will be on Owls and Owl Pellets. We will be charging \$5 to offset the cost of materials.

v. **Native American Games**

Charles will be running Native American games on November 27th. They will be at East Lake field, unless the weather is bad or too cold, and then they will be held in the Chalet. There is time between the Nature Program and the Games so that Charles can break down the Chalet if the games need to be moved to there.

vi. **Trivia Night**

Dennis Arms will be putting together questions and Fran will emcee the event. It will be held on the evening of November 27th at the Chalet. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Considerations:

1. We will need volunteers on Thursday, October at 10 am to make goodie bags for Halloween. This can be done at the office.
2. Charles will provide prizes for the Golf Cart parade as well as the Costume Contest.
3. Charles will begin advertising the Trick or Treat signups after Oktoberfest. We will try to get as many people as we can to use the website to sign up.
4. Charles will go over the mini-golf cart parade route with Security and they will lead the parade. The parade route will circle Locust Lake and not go out much further than that.

vii. **Football at the Chalet**

Covered during the review of past events.

2. **Items for Discussion**

Charles Simon went through other items on our agenda.

a. **Full-time Position**

Charles is now hired full-time, which allows for better future planning going forward. While seasonal, there was hesitation to schedule events that Charles may or may not be there to run.

b. **Adult Event Suggestions**

We have a fair number of family-oriented events and are looking for some adult events. Carrie Pohl will be a survey out on the unofficial Facebook page. This also led to a discussion of potential events (family and adult) to be considered.

Considerations:

- i. Starting a book club was discussed.
- ii. Starting and Mommy and Me group was discussed—Recreation would assist with the first meetings, then let the group continue on their own.
- iii. Having a Family Feud style game night was discussed.
- iv. Having a tree maintenance seminar for homeowners closer to summer was discussed.
- v. The Tobyhanna Historical Society has talks/tours on local revolutionary war battle sites. They were discussed as an offsite activity.
- vi. Tours of the Tobyhanna firehouse were discussed.
- vii. Trips to the Crayola Experience were discussed.
- viii. Having dramatic readings of holiday scripts were discussed.

- ix. Having a presentation of Christmas traditions from around the world was discussed.
- x. Having a Christmas house decoration contest was discussed.
- xi. Having a health awareness speaker from St. Lukes come to LLV was discussed.
- xii. Charles proposed having a snow day study group at the Chalet. Since most schools now go virtual instead of having snow days, Charles suggested that we open the Chalet for parents who need to go to work to drop off their children with laptops. There we can assist the children with schoolwork through the day. Charles will speak to Mary regarding the use of Wi-Fi at the Chalet.
- xiii. We discussed options for an adult Christmas party, but we do not want to take away from or diminish the Angler's Christmas party.

c. Member Comments

- i. There are potholes on White Pine. This was brought up by an attendee at the wrong meeting.
- ii. We discussed the cost of black out curtains and other options, including getting a large screen HD smart television instead of the projector. We would need to test out the glare on a sunny day to see if it is more visible before we invest in a television. We also discussed mounting the television on the "back" wall nearer to the kitchen. However, that side of the Chalet is smaller, and wiring would need to be run to all of the equipment on the other side of the Chalet. These are options that we are considering which would work best, and we are still open and exploring other options as well.

d. Next Meeting

The next recreation meeting will be on January 8th from 10 am to 12 pm. There will be no December Recreation Committee Meeting.

3. Recommendations from the Committee

- a. Carrie will recommend again that we continue with our staffing of Arts and Crafts on Saturdays throughout the year. Charles will write and submit a proposal recommending A&C staff be paid to the board liaison.
- b. Carrie will recommend again that one Saturday a month, the Arts and Crafts staff will hold an adult paint and sip. Charles will write and submit a proposal recommending A&C staff be paid to the board liaison.