

New Berlin Fourth of July Commission Minutes for Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Commissioners present: Anida Rose, Jim Belland, Nancy Bertsch, John Burke, Joan Campione, Nancy Perkins, and Dave Ament

Commissioners excused: Cheryl Schober, Mark Schroeder, and Carol Nowak

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Anida Rose

On a motion by Dave Ament and second by John Burke the minutes of the October 25, 2006 meeting were approved as printed.

Anida passed out a list to all the Commissioners of 15 New Berlin Fourth of July themes that have been suggested in the past. On a motion by Dave Ament, second by John Burke, "A Salute to the Veterans of New Berlin"

Honoring New Berlin's new Veterans Memorial. A discussion followed, motion passed. Our 2007 New Berlin Fourth of July theme will be "A Salute to the Veterans of New Berlin". It was further suggested by the Commission that each of our main parade floats be encouraged to seek out New Berlin Veterans to honor and also ride on the floats.

John Burke outlined his proposal for a 2-mile run to be held on July 4, 2007, to start at 12:30PM, just before the Main Parade. He further suggested that the staging area could be at National Regency. The runners would proceed west along National Avenue along the parade route and end at the Reviewing Stand. The run would be called "The Veterans of New Berlin Run" and the proceeds from the entry fees would go directly to The New Berlin's Veterans Memorial Fund. The details of marking out the beginning of the route, sponsor banners, medals for the top 3 runners, ribbons and T-shirts for the runners and a possible sponsor for the event was also discussed. Joan Campione said she would contact Raven Golf as a possible Sponsor. Further details of the event will be discussed at the next Commissions meeting.

In an E-mail message from Mark Schroeder, he reported that he will be working on the contracts for the fireworks, petting zoo, tents, and port-a-Johns in December and January. Mark will also be contacting Rainbow Valley Rides Carnival for a contract for the 2007 New Berlin Fourth of July Festival.

A discussion was held about the Fourth Annual Pie Bake Off Judging. Nancy Perkins suggested a 6PM check-in on July 3, 2007. It was further suggested that the Commission contact the Food Pantry to help with the pie judging and other details of this very popular event.

It was brought to the attention of the Commission by Joan Campione that when agreements or contracts are made with the two New Berlin High Schools for the Main Parade, that 3 separate contracts or agreements be made with the Band, the Cheer Group, and the Dance Group, as the Band Director of each High School does not usually communicate with the Cheer and Dance coordinators.

Cheryl Schober has been able to contract The Toys for \$4,000 as one of our Main State Bands. It needs to be further discussed and decided at the next meeting if the Commission will contract Stage Bands during the 12:30 to 4:30 time slot on the Fourth of July, or use recorded music, as has been suggested.

The fund raising letters should be ready for approval at the next Fourth of July Commission meeting on the January 31, 2007 7:30PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

A. Rose