

RECREATION COMMITTEE@ MINUTES B Tuesday, February 6, 2007 – RCA Office
Minutes Recorded by Liz Stauffer

PRESENT

Elaine Ceresko
Sue Dietrich
Cathy Cooper
Kathie Morris
Lesa Nagle, *Chairperson*
Adel Perleoni
Rose Shyposh
Liz Stauffer, *Director of Community Programs*
John Vinqvist, *Executive Director*

ABSENT

Fred Lake
Luanne Christensen, *Primary Director*
Pat Dolan, *Alternate Director*

Lesa Nagle called the February 6th Recreation Committee Meeting to order at 7:02PM.
Cathy motioned to accept the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liz Stauffer announced that she would be leaving her position as RCA's Director of Community Programs. She is taking a position as the RCA's Accounting Assistant so she will not be leaving Radisson but just switching departments.

John Vinqvist introduced himself to the Recreation Committee as he is the new Executive Director.

Kathie Morris, a new resident, has joined the committee and we look forward to working with her.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING RECAP

The Tree Lighting went very well – it was pretty easy, people came in and out quickly. The Village Singers did a fabulous job this year as did Santa. Nothing really needs to be changed for next year, although numerous members of the committee commented on the actual lights on the trees outside of Aspen House. The lights did not look good at all and that definitely needs to be changed for next year. Also, they all agree that the small crabapple tree shouldn't be lit. Liz will make a note of this in the file.

HOLIDAY CONTESTS

Both the Home Light Judging and the Coloring Contest went very well. Liz noted that the number of participants for the Coloring Contest seemed to be down but it was still successful and those who won were very excited and appreciative. We managed to get some new volunteers to help with the Home Light Judging which was nice and we didn't receive any complaints in regards to the judging this year.

BEER TASTING

No word yet from Ryan Brown on a date confirmation – Liz has asked for a night during the week of March 19th. She will follow up with Ryan to see if he has any updates. Adel, Cathy, Lesa and Kathie are all interested in attending from the Committee. If we do set a date Liz will make sure to advertise that – if you went last time please give others an opportunity to attend this time. Liz has the roster from last time and can double check names to confirm if someone had reservations at our last tasting.

EASTER PARTY

Elaine, Rose, Adel and Kathie are all available to volunteer. Two Girl Scout Troops have volunteered to fill eggs, one will fill eggs the evening of 3/21 and the other the evening of 3/26 – we will check 3/27 to see if we need more filled, if so Elaine's students will fill. Liz is putting a request for youth volunteers in the next issue of the Reflections. Liz did check with Danielle Cicero who played our "EB" last year – she is checking her schedule to see if she'll be available for this year's party. We will pick out our craft at next month's meeting.

EARTH DAY

The Girl Scouts approached Liz about utilizing the Aspen House for an Earth Day activity on Sunday, 4/22. Through further discussions with Karen Joncas, both Karen and Liz agreed that this would be a great event to open to the entire community and possibly make it yearly. Families can come to the Aspen House, pick up a trash bag, plastic gloves and a map (pre-sectioned) and will be directed to a specific pathway section marked on the map. Participants will go and clean that section of the pathway then bring themselves and their bags back the Aspen House at a certain time for refreshments. Everyone agreed this is a great idea and certainly something we would love to see happen and continue. RCA/Recreation will provide the bags, plastic gloves, maps, cookies, juice, water and hot chocolate.

FIREWORKS

Liz reported that the Board of Directors still wants to see Radisson host a fireworks display this summer – and they would like the Rec. Committee to plan an event for them. One Board member suggested having the Baldwinsville Marching Band perform with fireworks to follow. The Committee liked the idea however have attempted to do similar events is years past and it doesn't work as they aren't together during the summer months. Elaine suggested having a Bluegrass band. Cathy suggested we figure out exactly what kind of performer we want – oldies, etc.? John suggested a band he has seen many times in the past, the Mutt Band, he said they play oldies. He will find out more information on them, including cost and a "demo" tape for the Committee to hear.

MISC

Liz will put a notice in the Reflections "Recruiting New Members for the Recreation Committee" in hopes to gain some more new members with even more new ideas!

Ice Skating Party: Elaine has a new contact at the YMCA, she will try and set up a skating party for residents on Sunday, 3/18.

NYC Trip: Kim Canino from AAA Travel did a great job with the 2006 NYC Bus Trip and we would love to have her do one for 2007. Liz will also talk to Kim about some other day trip ideas (Casino Niagara, Outlets in PA, etc.).

Other ideas brought up were a Game Night at Aspen House, dance lessons, and another kind of dinner at Aspen House in the fall – maybe a magician or hypnotist. Cathy suggested we look in the New Times for some different performers.

Lesa and Cathy asked John if there was anything he would like to see happen. John talked about marking the pathways for distance (i.e. ¼ mi, ½ mi, 1mi, etc.) and adding exercise stations to the tot-lots for people to use will walking on the pathways.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55PM

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007 – RCA OFFICE 7:00PM

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lesa Nagle at 635-2763.