

## **Hartland Area Community Council**

### **February 9, 2015**

Attending: Heidi Bierer, Jim Brake, Larry Ciofu, Mary Corder, Rick Corder, Gary Cornillaud, Jan Cornillaud, Sharon Grech, Kay Fountain, Walter Johnston (HAFDA), Barbara Krueger, Richard Krueger, Kim Ladd, Ceci Marlow, Judy Paulsen, Gayle Roberts, Jacob Roberts, Sandy Roberts, Cliff Schiesel, Jim Sparks.

President Dick Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The minutes were reviewed. Barbara Krueger noted that Jim Sparks be added to the list of attendees. Kay Fountain moved acceptance of the minutes, Ceci Marlow seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

The treasurer's balance is \$4,874.65. We received a notice that a donor picked up the tab for the flowers so there is no invoice from Hartland Home & Garden. No invoice has been received for the lights crew bill. The \$1000 donation for the Dingler home repair has been put on hold until the project direction is resolved. Jan Cornillaud moved that the Treasurer's Report be put on file. Sandy Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

#### Community Council Officers

The officers met but did not have a replacement to appoint. Dick was asked and agreed to carry on through the Memorial Day Parade in 2015. Jim Sparks asked what happened to his suggestion that new faces be brought in. Rick Corder believes that we should move to have the individual who was nominated at January's meeting mentored now. Dick reported that after the conversation he had with Jacob Roberts, the nominee, and his family, his understanding was that Jacob wanted to wait until after the summer. Jacob spoke up and said he'd like to lead and be President; Sandy confirmed that, after discussion within the family, he does want to take this on and the family supports this. Dick welcomed Jacob to take it all on. Jim Sparks moved that a President-in-training position be created with Jacob filling that spots. Judy Paulsen seconded it. Ceci Marlow questioned if a new position could be made without revising the by-laws. Cliff suggested that a motion be made that Jacob will assume the presidency on or about June 1, 2015. Meantime, he will "train" with Dick. Jacob is not able to commit to sell ads and the full responsibility of the parade booklet. Jim accepted Cliff's suggestion as a substitute for his first motion; Kay Fountain seconded it. As it is up to the officers to appoint the next President, this motion was invalid. But, it was agreed that Dick will remain as President through the Memorial Day Parade 2015 at which time, if Jacob is ready and still wants the role, the officers will appoint him. Meantime, Dick will provide mentorship to Jacob to be the next president of the Hartland Area Community Council, no motion required.

#### Hartland Family Winterfest

The event was well-received with 2,500 in attendance. The survey following the event shared several positive comments. The biggest attended pieces were the sledding, skating, and bonfire. A formal report is in process and will be shared. Sharon thanked all who participated.

#### Memorial Day

At a prior meeting the \$200 for the DJ was approved; Dick noted that there is a \$50 nonrefundable deposit. The council members want to proceed.

Parade theme selection has to happen tonight. The themes of past years were shared. Rick Corder suggested "From Sea to Shining Sea." Kay Fountain suggested "United We Stand." Kim Ladd suggested "Hartland--Red White and Blue." Walter Johnston suggested "Spirit of America." Gayle Roberts moved to close the nominations. Gary Cornillaud seconded the closure. The theme for 2015 is "United We Stand." The other suggestions will be added to next year's list.

Publicity: Dick and Barbara will have articles in Community Life for the parade theme, for how to apply to be in the parade and vendor applications. But someone is needed to coordinate all of the external publicity. Colleen Rosso did it in 2014; Sharon will talk to her. Sharon can put a slide up on the Township's channel. Sharon will also be happy to post volunteer positions through Volunteer Livingston, but she needs descriptive postings for the volunteer needs. Dick asked that Cliff share the latest address for the Optimists so that Grand Marshal nominations go to the right place.

Parade Booklet: Barbara reported that someone is already providing a photo of their son who is in the military or veteran to be included in the booklet. Barbara welcomes all that can be contributed. It isn't limited to only veterans; they can be active military, too. The photos should be of people from the general Hartland area or have ties to Hartland.

Cliff said that Hartland Optimists will take care of Parade ending. Gary Cornillaud volunteered to take care of the luminaries.

Flag Etiquette cards: Dick recommends that we omit the year this time. Nearly all were given away last year. This should be decided at the next meeting.

Parade Fly-over Buttons: This needs to be decided at the next meeting. The donation for the buttons helps to pay for the fly-over. Sharon asked if the fly-over would be cancelled if we didn't do the buttons and the response was no, we did the fly-over before the buttons.

Majestic volunteered to donate the golf carts again. Kay will coordinate with Sandy Roberts.

Jim Sparks volunteered to coordinate the fly-over.

Village Elementary PTO will host a pancake breakfast again this year according to Mary Corder.

Cliff asked if the PA System will be needed again, even if using the DJ. Dick said yes, since it is needed at the luminary walk as well. Kay will follow up with Michelle Otis; it will most likely need to be picked up Friday. The same one is used for the bridge activities.

Gayle asked about the idea of inviting the homecoming king and queen to be in the parade. Kay offered and was asked to invite them and see if they have an interest. Sharon has an antique convertible that may work out for them.

### Old Business

Heritage Day: Barbara has given everything over to Heidi Bierer. Heidi reported that there are enough photos that can be used for a 16-month calendar; \$500 to print 100 copies. There are just a couple photos that are unclear and permissions need to be obtained. Dick will stop by and sort that out. Lead time for the calendar is only about three weeks.

The calendars will be for sale for \$10 each and available before July 2015. It's possible they could be sold at a table in Epley Park during the Memorial Day Parade.

The calendar covers September 2015 through December 2016. Six area businesses are interested in selling them at the counters. Cromaine will sell them, too. Ginny Smoot will help Heidi get the posters for Heritage Day printed up and distributed ahead of the date, plus Livingston County Press-Argus, Marketeer, Community Life (if free). Six activities for young people are planned already, e.g., yarn doll-making (\$1 for materials), pilgrim photo booth, fishing, free bounce house. Village Market has offered a pizza eating contest (pre-register with fee). Hayride tours still planned. Mary Corder suggested a scavenger hunt where the kids need to get stamps at various spots. Ceci recommended talking to Five Sparrows who has done this already for the last few years--get a stamp at the various historic sites and turn in the completed one for a drawing for a bike or two. Peggy Storey of Ore Creek's Experience-based Career Education wants to be involved; they offered some small-cost food items, too. Heidi suggested the road be closed at Henry Street and that the Fire Department's truck be placed in that area on the Cromaine annex parking lot or in the street. Ceci objected since closing at Henry Street closes all access to the library from the south, given that the hayride on Mill Street makes it very difficult to get through and there'd be no access from Washington to School which is what the library counts on now for its Big Book Sale's Bag Day. Heidi expressed concern about child safety in the street area. Heidi also questioned the value of the Howell Nature Center bus experience. She saw that it is quite expensive and that it didn't seem to bring many people in its location on the side of Hartland Road at Cromaine's south lawn. Ceci noted that it was funded by a grant, so no cost and that there were 60 people in attendance. Heidi knows that a busier location could be a problem for the birds that are brought. Walter suggested using Fire Department staff to manage the traffic-pedestrian interaction in the part of Hartland Road north of School Street and south of Henry Street.

#### New Business

Ceci reported that March is Cromaine's participation in the 2015 Livingston Reads countywide community read program of "Bitter Brew: The Rise and Fall of Anheuser-Busch, America's Kings of Beer." The first program is March 5 with Mark Horning sharing how he grows his own hops and brews his own beer. Lots of other beer, -Prohibition-, and family dynasty-related events during March and April. Attendees also have a chance to win a \$100 value gift basket from Whole Foods, if they visit all six libraries between March 1 and April 30.

March 28, 10 am to 2 pm, Cromaine launches the 2015 Big Read of "Old School" by Tobias Wolff. There are lots of programs and events for this one, too, including a visit from the author on April 22, 7:00 pm at the Hartland Music Hall.

Sharon Grech reported that the 2015 Relay for Life will be held at the old high school on May 30 from 8 am to 11pm. It is not an overnight event this year. Everyone is invited to join the Township's team, Team Hopkins, in memory of Larry Hopkins.

Gary moved that we adjourn at 7:33 pm. Kay seconded.