

Fitzwilliam Economic Committee

Oct 21, 2019

Fitzwilliam Library

Present: Steve Reinhart, Suzanne Gray, Chelley Tighe, & Skip Hagstrom

Absent: Adrianna Stefanko, Danielle Jacques, & Mary Belle Isle

Guest: Caroline Tremblay

Minutes: Approved the minutes of Sep 27, 2019

Faire: Caroline gave a summary of the Faire. She sent out a feedback form to all the vendors and has received a few back. Caroline stated the finances were pretty much break-even. She was able to pay the performers and make a donation to project Shakespeare. She still needs to pay the port-a-potty rental. She received the pictures from the photographer who attended. She also had a video made by KSC which she will use for marketing next year.

What went well: vendors seemed satisfied; the morning started slow then got busy. Face painting was hit. The vendors were happy with the map and some stated they will return. The visiting nurses will be on board every year. There were no issues with parking and the volunteer crosswalk people were great. There were 18 raffle prizes; sales just a bit down from last year. The “be present or provide a Fitz phone number” worked well. The 4H cleaned up after the animals. The magician would like to return.

Areas to improve: The generator used by the food truck was quite noisy. Skip suggested they look into using electricity if at all possible. Suzanne added that the Church lawn had some drawbacks. The vendors felt separated and it was hard to hear the music and announcements. Perhaps utilizing the area behind the stage, which has the potential for 16 more sites, might help. There was a comment that the Library needs better signage. Cindi from the Rec Dept. recommends the hours for their activities be 10-2. There needs to be more activities for the kids. Some suggestions include pumpkin painting, corn-hole toss, hula-hoop. Steve thought Tracie’s Farm could help with the pumpkins. More trash can placement.

Caroline indicated that she would like some help in coordinating the future events. Steve suggested we utilize Franklin Pierce University. There should be some students who may want to intern or get extra credits. He will make contact with them.

Committee: Suzanne shared that there are concerns with meeting a quorum. The planning Board is keeping her extremely busy and there is a huge need for new members. She stated that although Caroline has moved out of Fitzwilliam, she could serve as an alternate. That could help with the quorum. An idea that Caroline had was to create a “**self-employed happy hour mixer**”, in the hopes to enlist new members. This could be the next CCC. Chelley will contact Crossroads. Tentative date- Nov 18.

Next meeting: Nov 4, 2019 at the Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes taken by Marion Wheeler

