

Fitzwilliam Economic Committee

2-4-19: **Fitzwilliam Library**

Present: Adrianna Stefanko, Skip Hagstrom, Suzanne Gray, Steve Reinhart

Absent: Danielle Jacques & Chelley Tighe

Guest: Caroline Tremblay

Minutes: Nov 5, 2018 and Nov 26, 2018 approved.

Adrianna started the meeting at 7:10pm.

FFF: Caroline Tremblay showed the members a summary of the vendor feedback from the Fitzwilliam Fantasy Faire. Discussion centered on the best date to hold the next Faire. The advantage of holding the event on the Columbus Day weekend is being able to share it with events in Rindge and Winchendon. It would also give Emerson School time to prepare if they were going to participate. The downside is that some people travel out of town for the long weekend. If it was held on October 5th, it may allow for more time in between the Library's Spooktakular event, which may provide more volunteer help. It could also mean the port-potties would still be available. Also discussed was increasing the vendor fee. Caroline will investigate competing event fees. The event may grow larger and the need to close off Templeton Turnpike came up. This extra space could be used for more games and interactive activities. Caroline shared that the sponsorships went well, but recruiting needs to be started earlier. Steve mentioned better signage advertising the sponsors is needed. Adrianna will talk with Chip Baker from the Church to see if they would want to do some inside activities and also what the maximum number of vendors the common could hold.

CCC: The next event is scheduled for March 18, 2019 at 7pm. The location is tentatively the Flip Side Grille with an alternate of the Town Library. The theme will be St. Patrick's Day and the **Pot 'O Gold. All it takes is one customer to get you your Pot 'O Gold.** Shamrocks, gold coins, cabbage seeds and a pot will be needed. Participants will need to bring their business cards, brochures and wear green. Skip and Steve will make the phone calls, Skip will see what he can get at the Dollar Store, Marion will advertise in the newsletter and prepare a FB event, and the sandwich boards will need to be put out.

Next meeting is scheduled for Feb 18, 2019 at the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Minutes taken by *Marion Wheeler*