

## Community Relations Committee Meeting

January 2, 2019

7:00 p.m. – Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Members Present: Wicca Davidson (Acting Chair), Julie Stanish, Maryanne Courtney, Marjorie Shaw, Michele Marston, Emily Helms Williams, Barbara Rose, Julia Bellinger, Anne deFontnouvelle

### General Business

- The minutes of the December 2018 meeting were presented and approved by the Committee. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Julie and seconded by Marjorie and Michele.
- There were no public comments.

### Old Business

#### Events and Community Service:

- Warm Clothing Drive – Marjorie reported that eight bags have been collected so far and delivered to Interfaith Works. The clothing drive lasts through February. The Committee discussed posting reminders to Town Neighbors.
- Discussions and Desserts – Julie reported that Doug Kammerer will be the featured speaker on January 10. Julia, Cathy, Marjorie, and Anne volunteered to assist with the event. Julie will advertise on the Facebook page, and another Town Crier notice will go out.
- Rockville Band – Julie is working with the band director on a date, to be determined in early 2019.
- Family Movie Night – There were 30-35 attendees at the December event, where we screened the movie Up. We will be showing Monsters Inc. at the January movie night and have about 35 RSVPs so far.
- Knitting Group – Marjorie reported that two people have volunteered for the knitting circle; a few more are needed. Plans for the group are being developed.
- Progressive Dinner – The date has changed to April 13, which has been advertised in the Forecast. Julie and Cathy will work on promoting the event. We will need to confirm that the Town Hall is reserved. The Centennial Committee will assist, and Barbara will discuss it with them at its meeting next week.
- Chili Dinner – The Town’s annual Chili Dinner will be held on February 10. Everyone on the Committee will be needed to volunteer. The musician who performed at last year’s event will provide entertainment. Feedback on the survey forms submitted after the event last year was largely positive. The Centennial Committee will provide cupcakes and assemble a time capsule. Regarding donations to Manna Food Center, we want to make sure people bring financial contributions and not food donations.
- Cooking Contest – We will be hosting an event focused on breads. The Committee discussed potential dates in March. Wicca will lead the event, and Maryanne will assist. The first task will be to find judges.
- Spring Festival – The Spring Festival will be held in April, on a date to be determined by the Lawton Center. We expect about 200 attendees. We need someone to research and call food trucks.

#### Communications:

- Welcome Bags – Michele reported that the Welcome Bags are ready. We have 27 new residents since the last bag distribution. Committee members signed up to deliver bags and reviewed the contents of the bags.
- “Stay Tuned” flyer – Julia will head up this project and will coordinate with Wicca on details.

### New Business

#### Events and Community Service:

- Family Movie Night – The next Family Movie Night will be February 1. Emily will let Wicca know the selection for February, so we can obtain the movie.

- Discussions and Desserts – Professor Marc Howard is available to speak on prison reform. The date is to be determined. The Committee discussed other possible events and agreed that for Committee-sponsored events, the speakers should be community members rather than representatives of nonprofits or other organizations located outside the Town.

Communications:

- Event Survey Forms – Quynh is reworking the event surveys, which will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Town Communications – the Committee brainstormed ideas on increasing readership of Town communications.
- Volunteer still needed for Facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. Barbara moved to adjourn, and Michele seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Helms Williams