

**City of West Allis**

**Celebrations Committee Meeting**

**March 3, 2016**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Alderperson Reinke, Dianne Eineichner, Mary Cay Freiberg, Pat Hladilek, Randy Kassa, Jerry Kucharski, John Maydak and Brenda Schmid.

Members Excused: Kathleen Dagenhardt, Mark Ellington, Rebecca Grill, Jim Mejchar, Tim Meyer, Gina Rafenstein and Barb Weller.

Also Present: Cheri Gravitter, WI State Fair

Meeting Called to order by Chair Reinke at 4:02pm.

1. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2016 – motion to approve by MC. Freiberg, seconded by J. Maydak and unanimously approved.

2. Memorial Day Veterans Project

Chair Reinke received a recommendation from Sarah at the VA for the committee to help with BINGO and donate coupon books to be used as prizes at BINGO. Deputy Chief Fletcher approved the committee using the WAPD Satellite Station for a reception following the Memorial Day Parade. Chair Reinke reminded the committee that the DAV Chapter 19 West Allis will be the recipient of the WA Community Improvement Dinner Dance benefit. S. Strasser provided additional information on the DAV Chapter 19 West Allis and the support they provide in the community. Other ideas were discussed for a Memorial Day Veterans project. Kucharski made a motion to continue donating coupon books with letters and pictures created by the Recreation Department after school program participants to veterans on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor at the VA, seconded by Maydak, motion carried unanimously. Future consideration will be given to help with BINGO by volunteering and donating prizes for it.

3. 4<sup>th</sup> of July

C. Gravitter informed the committee that the Kids from Wisconsin are not able to perform at the pre-Firework show due to a previous paid commitment. Discussed contacting the Swing Street Band. Strasser updated the committee on bands registered, time of judging, etc. A community consortium has been created to share ideas, resources, and group contacts for July 4<sup>th</sup> parades. C. Gravitter will get information to Strasser on Youth Center accommodations for overnight stays.

4. Ala Carte

Eineichner provided an update announcing Andrea and the Mods will be performing, there will be two Dunk Tanks to raise money for the WAFD and the WAPD by having a competition between WA bars. They are also looking for a sponsor for the Veggie Race tent to cover and protect the track. A sponsorship would be approximately \$500. There are 30-40 vendors to date registered. The committee discussed selling Koozies, bottled water, soda and/or popcorn and also doing the Duck game for prizes (Ring Pops). Further discussion, decisions and a sign-up to volunteer will be done at the April meeting.

Next meeting April 7, 2016

Motion to adjourn by MC. Freiberg and second by J. Maydak, meeting adjourned at 4:57pm.