

**City of West Allis
Celebrations Committee Meeting
June 2, 2016**

MINUTES

Members Present: Alderperson Reinke, Kathleen Dagenhardt, Mark Ellington, Rebecca Grill, Pat Hladilek, Randy Kassa, John Maydak and Brenda Schmid

Members Excused: Mayor Dan Devine, Dianne Eineichner, Mary Cay Freiberg, Jerry Kucharski, Jim Mejchar, Tim Meyer, Gina Rafenstein and Shelly Strasser

Also Present: Cheri Gravitter, WI State Fair Park and Barb Weller, Purchasing Division

Convened 4:10 PM - Chair Reinke called meeting to order

1. May 5, 2016 meeting minutes-motion to approve by Ms. Dagenhardt, seconded by Mr. Maydak and unanimously approved.

2. Memorial Day

Ms. Schmid reported that all went well with the parade and ceremony at Vet's Park. Chair Reinke remarked that she enjoyed the speeches.

Mr. Kassa said that their trip to the VA to deliver the coupon books and drawings was a meaningful experience and he enjoyed speaking with the Veterans. The Veterans were grateful for the visit and gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Ellington and Chair Reinke also helped with the delivery.

3. Ala Carte

Chair Reinke reviewed what the committee needed to do for the event. Ms. Strasser picked up the popcorn and Chair Reinke was picking up the chips, salsa, pies and soda. Ms. Eineichner supplied the bowl for the duck game. The cost to play is one ticket. Mr. Maydak suggested putting out a donation jar. Mr. Maydak and Mr. Kassa said they would bring coolers and ice.

4. 4th of July

The Committee discussed ways to honor the Veterans in the parade. Chair Reinke stated that Alderman Roadt said he would give her his contact information for the Veterans that are in the Memorial Day parade and his contact at the County for renting a trolley. Ms. Schmid thought that 20 veterans fit on a trolley with space for 2 wheelchairs. The problem with the trolleys is that you can't see through the tinted windows. The windows have to be removed in order to see the riders. Ms. Schmid will review her notes about the liability issue if we use a trolley. Another suggestion was to check with Ms. Strasser's father for his contacts at a VA Post. Mr. Kassa said that most taverns have buses and he would be willing to contact one to see if they would want to drive the veterans in the parade. The committee was concerned about the liability issued. Another suggestion was to contact one of the area senior living centers to drive veterans that live at their facility. Mr. Maydak suggested instead of having veterans ride in the parade, have a reserved spot for them to watch the parade. The Recreation Dept. may be able to get mobile bleachers for them to sit on. After discussion, Mr. Maydak made a motion to table the idea of providing bleachers for this year's parade.

Chair Reinke reviewed the schedule for the grandstand show. The Suburban Concert Band will play at 8:30, the flag ceremony will follow and the fireworks will start at 9:30. Chair Reinke scheduled a meeting at State Fair Park for June 28 at 10:00 AM. Chair Reinke, Ms. Strasser, Lt. Clementi and Ms. Weller will meet with Ms. Gravitter in her office at the Expo Center to go over the details of the grandstand show.

5. Next meeting July 7, 2016

6. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Maydak, seconded by Ms. Dagenhardt. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.