

Minutes April 24, 2008

Meeting called to order 7pm

There was no flag for the pledge of allegiance. We met in the police station's break room.

Commissioner Moller led the invocation

Roll Call: Present – Chair – Edward Newland, Roz Combley, Diane Ratto, Stephanie Hobbs, Ralph Moller / absent – Shirley Nutt

Ralph approved the agenda as written and Roz seconded approval of agenda

Speaker:

Kit Oase (pronounced “owe us”), President of the Arts League, here to speak. Ripon Arts League is in 15th year. A group of folks wanted to support the arts in general in the community primarily music, but branch into other venues. The group originally had 170 charter members and out of that group 80 or 90 are still living. The membership is 675 members. They include people from all over the area. They even have folks from Pleasanton. It is a Non-profit organization. If time permits, they've asked performers to perform at the local schools to introduce arts to the students. Mr. Oase shared information about a couple past performers... Sons of the San Joaquin and Kerry Christensen. The Arts League has five concerts a year. The members each get a ballot to vote on the performers (of the 30 they've had) to choose the top ten for an encore performance. October 7 is their next performance in Ripon. They have a 16 member board. Their program committee has 6-7 members. They choose from about 16 different genre. A Jazz band will open in September, Oct. Sons of Joaquin / Dec.- Limelighters (folk music of the sixties). The cost of membership is \$25 for the season. Performances are usually Tuesday or Thursdays. They sponsor some public invite concerts (i.e. air force band...). Membership information comes out in middle to end of June. Grandparents will bring their kids sometimes. Citizens are able to simply show up at a concert and apply for membership at the door. They provide free refreshments at their concerts. They have not had to advertise much. Commissioner Moller clarified their mission was to provide these concerts. Kit added the programs they've offered to the schools bringing performers onto campus. Kit has a philosophy “Try it just one time. If we let people know that there are things out there that are of good taste and if people experience those things they might like it.” Kit will have a calendar by June 1. They send out postcard reminders for their concerts. 599-3408 (Kit's phone number offered to send out postcards to their members about Bluegrass Concert)
(Stephanie needs to tell Mr. Oase to get their schedule over to the Chamber for a master calendar)

1. Review notes from 2007 Health Faire – Ed went over our list of

potential improvements. We discussed the need to clarify with Dorothy on our responsibilities for that morning. We will be focusing on the health faire and will not have the resources to help with the other aspects of Main Street Day. As far as location of specific booths, we discussed the possibility of "first come – first served" as far as best location, but Commissioner Hobbs said we should reserve the right to place people where we feel is in the best interest of the Health Faire. We need to create a timeline for the event. (Commissioner Combley said we should start contacting potential vendors next month. She also said that we need to make sure the vendors mail the liability back with their application.) There were a lot of problems with that last year. Commissioner Moller said we can say that the application is incomplete until they mail in the liability form. He recommended adding that verbiage to the application itself. Commissioner Newland asked about putting a cover letter on top of this year's invitation. Commissioner Combley said it would be nice if the car show wasn't right in front of us. Commissioner Moller offered to dress up as a "Health Bear", perhaps that would attract kids. Commissioner Ratto recommended having a balloon arch to attract kids. Commissioner Newland said he needs to contact (Commissioner Nutt about an intro letter or card to send out to past vendors.) Commissioner Hobbs recommended that we come up with a list of potential vendors we'd like to invite to participate in our event. We realized that last year's deadline for finished applications was too early.

2. (Commissioner Combley said we should have our list of desired vendors at our May meeting) and by our June meeting we should send out our invitations. The new deadline will be September 8 (with a secret drop dead date of September 15) this will give us 5 weeks. Commissioner Ratto said this might be a tougher year because of the economy. Health Faire will be Oct 18. Commissioner Ratto recommended Jamba Juice. We need to make sure they don't sell anything. Excel physical therapy and Snap Fitness would be two good vendors. Commissioner Hobbs has mentioned the Health Faire to the California Donor Network. They expressed an interest in applying.
3. P.F.C. group success tabled until May to give more time for research. Commissioner Ratto will pursue this.)
4. Senior Program – tabled to give us more time to focus on Rina's Run.
5. Arts Program – (Riverbank Community Theater – Commissioner Hobbs spoke with the Board of RCT and they are extremely interested in coming to Ripon for a weekend of performances. We weren't sure if the City would allow us to use the Community Center for a few performances. This would fulfill an objective given to us by City Council in bringing theater arts to Ripon. Commissioner Combley will ask Mayor Pernice if we would be able to use the Community Center.)

B. New Business

1. Claremont Plan Update – We are unable to take any action on it until Mayor Pernice has a consultant come to speak to us about the whole thing.
2. Mother's Day Run – We need oranges or bananas. Commissioner Hobbs

asked for help distributing posters. Commissioner Combley said she could do it Friday for a while. Commissioner Hobbs asked Commissioners Ratto, Moller, and Newland to be there at 7am at Ripon High parking lot on May 10.

3. Burgess Bakery update – Commissioner Combley will call them and ask for another 150 small muffins. Commissioner Moller will pick up the muffins the day before the race.

4. Kye Stevens – we decided it would be more helpful to discuss the breakfast program at the elementary schools with Linda Brito. She is president of Weston’s PFC. They have the most successful breakfast snack bar of all the schools in the district.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.



Copyright © 1994-2008 Yahoo! Inc. All rights reserved. Terms of Service - Copyright IP Policy - Guidelines
NOTICE: We collect personal information on this site.
To learn more about how we use your information, see our Privacy Policy