

VILLAGE OF DOWNS EVENTS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM

July 16, 2015

Village Hall
211 S. Seminary St,
PO Box 18
Downs, IL 61736

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1. Call to Order at 6:02 pm
 2. Roll Call (Jill Kasprzak, Cyndi Miller, Mike James; Dan Lush – Absent)
 - a. Julie James and Steve Miller were also present
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Discussion
 - a. Discuss 4th of July
 1. Will Brady and Mike meet Monday evening and he covered what was covered with the group
 2. Julie James talked about what her thought were regarding the what should be done based on the volunteers
 3. Covered ideas for next year of what worked and what didn't
 1. Do things that don't require volunteers
 2. Rent equipment and don't sell tickets
 3. Everything free
 4. Sell Raffles, but only a few things.
 5. Do remote start
 6. Collect donations at entrances
 - b. Discuss Plans for Fright Fest
 1. Ready to start building Sat, Jul 18
 2. Need to get back with focusing on donations for coffee, food (pizzas), hot chocolate
 3. Do radio advertising with wrist band family 4
 4. Prices \$5 tickets and \$7 wristband
 5. If we are going to use McLean County Reserves, we need to have them secured by August 1
 6. Concerns about hayrack ride safety – look to get our own hay bails
 7. Additional ideas:
 1. Scare crow contest
 2. Zombie parade
 3. Costume contest
 4. Chili cook off
 8. Do an October market day – maybe on Oct 10
 - c. Discuss Plans for Christmas
 1. Breakfast with Santa (8-10)
 1. RSVP – buy tickets and include pictures
 2. Cookies with Santa (afternoon)
 3. Decorate the building and few trees
 4. Decoration contest is good to have again
 5. New Business
 - a. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2015 (Steve / Jill 5-0)
 - b. Motion to Approve Julie James & Steve Miller as Event Committee Members (Cyndi / Jill 3-0)
 6. Old Business - None
 7. Adjournment at 8:20 pm (Mike / Steve 5-0)