

Candlewood Shores Recreation Committee

Meeting

November 30, 2023

Attendees:

- Liz Moore
- Meegan Lepler
- Bunny Tessier
- Cindy DeMayo
- Jess Dean

Agenda:

1. Summer events recap
 - a. Unusually rainy summer led to events needing to be canceled or rescheduled
 - b. Movie Nights
 - i. Good turn out
 - ii. Vendor **FunFlicks** is reliable and willing to continue to work with CSTD
 1. Meegan compared this vendor to two other vendors; and this one still came in at a lower cost
 - iii. Snack
 1. Popcorn – Instead of renting a service to provide popcorn machine with popcorn look into AMC Movie Theaters in Danbury. They give out bags of popcorn, can look into this and fill into snack size bags for movie nights. Teenagers can help volunteer and receive community service hours if needed.
 - c. Bands
 - i. Great turn out for all bands
 - ii. Band nights were 4 hours long, but the bands are only playing 3 hours for future events
 - iii. Hazzard County
 1. Eager to reschedule
 2. \$2,000
 - iv. Junk
 1. \$800
 - v. Anchor Management
 1. Only played for 3 hours
 2. Community Neighbor; Dutch Tessier and his band “Dirty Door Knockers”, volunteered their time played/opened for first hour
 - d. Summer Picnic
 - i. Great turnout
 - ii. Vendors were good
 - iii. Used 1 large tent, instead of 2 smaller tents (vendor recommendation) and that worked out very well.
 - iv. DJ was okay, would like to try other vendors
 1. Open up to community CSTD for recommendations
 - a. Google Form / Email
 - v. Games were good
 1. Purchased **ladder golf** for event, part of inventory for future events
2. Fall Festival
 - a. Food Truck – TWINS BBQ

- i. Good turnout with positive feedback
- ii. Vendor has own Liability – do not need additional insurance

3. December 2023 events

- a. Ladies Night
 - i. December 8, 2023 (Friday)
 - ii. 7:00pm
 - iii. Email went out to community 11/29/2023 and event posted on Facebook site
- b. Annual Kids Christmas Party
 - i. December 17, 2023 (Sunday)
 - ii. 1:00pm to 3:00pm
 - iii. Arts and crafts
 - iv. Snacks
 - v. Email went out to community 11/29/2023 and event posted on Facebook site
- c. Santa's Firetruck Visit
 - i. December 17, 2023 (Sunday)
 - ii. Starting 4:00pm
 - iii. Need to confirm if a donation is made to the Candlewood Shores Fire Department
 - 1. Does CSTD Board make a donation?
 - a. When
 - b. Amount
 - iv. Chocolate Bar or Candy Canes will be handed out by Santa
 - v. Email went out to community 11/29/2023 and event posted on Facebook site
- d. Annual Christmas Caroling
 - i. December 20, 2023 (Wednesday)
 - ii. 4:30pm to 6:30pm
 - iii. Local Boy Scouts will be attending, with acoustic guitar
 - iv. Meet / Begin at Ball field
 - v. Hot Chocolate stand
 - vi. Propose to Board – request to planting a tree?
 - 1. Few years ago, there used to be a tree that the community would help decorate (ie: Earth Day Event)
 - 2. To create a local CSTD community very own Tree Lighting
 - 3. Cost?
 - vii. Email went out to community 11/29/2023 and event posted on Facebook site

4. Other Winter Events

- a. Holiday Cookie Swap
 - i. TBD
 - ii. Resident inquired about it on Facebook
- b. Light Contest
 - i. Only 4 signs in storage, out of 12
 - 1. Santa's Choice
 - 2. Plain & Simple
 - 3. Best Display With Music
 - 4. Best Original Theme
 - ii. Reach out to 8 winners from last year that signs have not been returned
 - 1. See if they have the signs
 - iii. Expensive to reorder

1. If missing signs not found, no sign used or category removed
 - iv. Contest Judging
 1. Week of Dec 18 to 22
 2. Signs placed weekend Dec 23
 3. Signs picked up by Rec Committee Jan 8, 2024
 - c. Chili Cook Off
 - i. February 4, 2024 (Sunday)
 - ii. 1:00pm to 4:00pm
 - iii. Balot Boxes for voting
 - iv. Prizes
 1. TBD
 - v. Communication not sent out yet
 - d. Ladies Night
 - i. St. Patricks Day Theme
 - ii. Thursday, March 14, 2024
 - iii. Time – TBD
 - iv. Activity – TBD
5. Budget Review
- a. Liz Moore monitoring and maintaining budget
 - i. Working with CSTD Board Treasurer
 - ii. All expenses are reviewed, approved, and paid through CSTD Board
 - b. 2023 – 2024 Budget Balance: \$19,500.00
 - i. As of 11/30/2023: \$18,779.00
 - ii. Remaining Expenses (ESTIMATES)
 1. Kids Xmas Party (250)
 2. Caroling (100)
 3. Easter Egg Hunt (150)
 - iii. Bands
 1. Deposits - Most have relationship established don't need deposits
 2. Insurance – Most don't have own insurance
 - a. Is there a blanket insurance the CSTD can get?
 - b. Options?
6. New Proposed Budget
- a. TBD
7. Bands Review / Feedback
- a. Communications received from residents, love Hazzard County would like to have them again – even if it means less band nights due to cost
 - b. Resident Heather Savage referred Exit 9 Band – will look into
8. Board Members
- a. CSTD Board Requested list of Recreation Committee Members
 - i. Jon Lepler – Liason to the Board
 - ii. Meegan Lepler – Co-Chairperson
 - iii. Liz Moore – Co-Chairperson
 - iv. Cyndi DeMayo – Committee Member
 - v. Bunny Tessier – Committee Member

vi. Jess Dean – Committee Member

9. CSTD Board Meeting Rep

a. Jess Dean – virtually, through MS Teams

10. Summer band nights – Stage

a. Can Adam Singer’s Team set stage up?

i. Yes, but notice needs to be given (month at least); and reminders

11. 2024 Event Dates

a. Bands

i. July 7, 2024 (Saturday)

1. Band: Red Hots

2. Time: TBD

3. Cost: Estimate \$1,000

ii. August 31, 2024 (Saturday)

1. Band: Junk

2. Time: TBD

3. Cost: Estimate \$900

iii. TBD – Possible 3rd Band depending on budget available

1. Band: Hazzard County

b. Movie Nights

i. Resident polling to be sent out for Movie Selections

ii. Suggestion: Indoor Movie Night

iii. 2 Outdoor Movie Nights – Pending Vendor Availability

1. June 15, 2024 OR June 22, 2024

2. August 3, 2024 OR August 10, 2024

c. Summer Picnic

i. July 20, 2024

ii. Food – Twins BBQ

12. 2024 Recreation Committee Meetings

a. TBD

13. New Items

a. Ice Cream Truck – Summer time

i. Ice Cream Emergency – Look into this vendor

ii. Ice Cream Truck – did not come around the summer very often; need to reach out and see if will be available this upcoming summer at consistent times

b. Popcorn Machine

i. Research – Pros / Cons

c. Earth Day Event

i. Plant tree for Christmas lighting

d. Bands

i. 3 hours

e. Fall Fest

i. Late September / early October

f. Ladies Night Suggestions

i. Sound Bath – Resident willing to host event

ii. Paint Nights – Viable Option if residents pay Vendor directly?