

WELD RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 2024, held at the library

Meeting began at 6:00pm.

In attendance: Julie Jervis, Liz Boyle, Diana Demers, Lynda Redmond, Wendy Ames, Jean Biondo, Laurie Pratt, Maddy Bujold, David Jervis, Lise Bofinger, Kris Tyler, Martha Vining.

Julie Jervis reported that the Select Board had signed off on our list of Weld Rec Committee Voting Members, nine in number.

A vote was taken to make the Weld Recreation Committee Chairperson position an annual term that would commence with a vote at the January meeting.

Julie has done some housekeeping as far as the Weld Rec email account. The backup phone is now Julie's cell number. There's a drawer in the office with necessary password info.

It was reported that the Halloween party setup and cleanup went well. There was further discussion surrounding a wire that was found by Lise Bofinger for a fog machine which should make the machine functional. Donations collected at the event amounted to \$36. There are Halloween decorations in the Town Hall that need to be donated or thrown away. Weld Rec members will go through them after the Veterans Day event.

Julie reported that the Select Board has presented a flow chart at the last meeting that will help us understand requirements that must be followed surrounding events and communications. They are still working out details. Social Media Policies are in development, too.

Julie Jervis received a bill for the two Defibrillators Weld Rec will be contributing \$500 for. Masons will also be giving monies, but we don't know that amount yet.

Liz reported that The Weld Observer will now have a regular column that town residents can contribute to. It will be a Q&A with the Select Board. At this time, Dina Walker will be responding to the questions. The next issue will come out before Christmas.

There were several items donated to Weld Rec last month which Julie will report to the Select Board. They include a glass dispenser for punch, a vacuum, construction of a block to make the coffee machine function better, and glow necklaces.

Our Mission Statement is complete, and it was agreed that it should be submitted to the Select Board to finalize.

Julie Jervis distributed the Weld Rec Committee Organized Events and Supported Activities. We also discussed possible upcoming classes such as Sourdough Bread Making, Cupcake Decorating, having an indoor yard sale (in the summer?), game night in January or February, Wine Glass Painting, Knitting, Sewing and Crocheting, Canning, freezing and wreath making are also of interest. It was decided that these events should ultimately go up on the Town website. A flyer will be made to make people more aware of the quilting group. Dennis Cleasby wants to give afternoon art classes, and we decided that they should be for all ages. Barbara Stevenson wants to donate games, and we welcome donations, but we feel there are already lots of games and maybe we should go through them and give some back to the community. Steve Lambert wants to give an informational talk about an eye disease that he has, and it was decided that it should be done at the library. Helena Starr wants to give watercolor classes. We also discussed the upcoming Barn Quilt class on November 9th and the Veterans Day event on the 11th. Invites were mailed to 32 veterans.

The church would like to collaborate with Weld Rec. We need to be thinking about how. We discussed a brunch and cookie exchange to possibly happen at the library after the holidays.

Members voted down the idea of creating a Calander to sell. It will not be a money maker. Julie will report this to the Select Board.

Skoolhouse gift cards and flowers were given as thanks to those who cooked at the pancake breakfast.

Welcome baskets will no longer be given out by Weld Rec due to privacy concerns.

Lise Bofinger distributed responses to the Town Survey about creating a multi-use court in Town. The response was strong, and comments submitted were mostly positive. The Survey should be removed from the Town website. It was decided that a committee

should be formed to study the idea further. Kris Tyler and Maddy Bujold have volunteered to be on the committee, and we are recommending that the committee be made up of members of Planning Board, Select Board and Weld Rec Committee.

Julie Jervis gave the Treasurer's Report. Our current balance is **\$5,337.47**. The amount spent on the Halloween party was \$71.18. We received \$36 in donations. We spent \$100 on gift cards and \$500 for defibrillators. It cost \$21.17 to send the Veterans Day postcard invite. We have agreed to give \$1,000 from our funds to the Town to help with heating costs in the Town Hall. Julie will relay this to the Select Board at their next meeting.

We discussed the Christmas party on December 7th. Although requests were made at various times to have the party later in the month, we voted to keep it on the 7th. Julie Jervis distributed postcards with present requests made by children who plan to attend (names were gathered at the Halloween party and are being collected at the library, Town office and Skoolhouse. Weld Rec members will shop for presents and either hold onto them or deliver to Julie for later wrapping as a group. Gifts should be limited to \$20 or under. A flyer has been prepared for the party and we'll serve homemade pizza.

Volunteers were reminded to submit hours and attendance to Lise Bofinger.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.