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Minutes

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September 19, 2001

Present: Anida Rose, Nancy Bertsch, John Ziino, Mark Schroeder, Ald. Dave Ament, Cindy Kaczmarowski, John Burke, Jim Belland, Cheryl Schober, Carol Nowak

Absent: Nancy Perkins

1 – Anida Rose called meeting to order at 7:30pm.

2 – **Minutes** – John Ziino moved to approve the June minutes as printed. John Burke seconded. Passed.

3 – **Correspondence** – thank you letter from New Berlin Community Band

-Nancy Bertsch has been reappointed to the commission

4 – **Staff Reports** – Mark Schroeder reported –

-per Jon Stolz – there were gaps in the parade; talked with Pastor Wooden and it would be nice if there were 1 or 2 port-a-potties near the north fence; questioned the carry-ins

-per Mary Berg – family games were wonderful (all agreed); suggested more

handouts for kids in the main parade and will help coordinate if needed

5 – **CFC Report** – received next years membership form, fee is still \$45.00. John Ziino moved to approve the \$45.00 for CFC membership. Jim Belland seconded. Passed.

6 – **Review of Celebration 2001**

a) Budget and fund raising – Anida reported on the monies that were received

b) Public Relations – Hometown Publications has not returned calls re: billing.

c) Sponsorships – Cheryl passed out the list of sponsors and will fax it to Rallye

Productions for the thank you plaques to be made (Rallye donates the plaques).

Nancy Bertsch moved to approve \$25.00 for Cheryl to buy something for Rallye

Productions. John Ziino seconded. Passed.

-discussed ideas for other categories

d) Signs – all signs are in storage

e) July 2 entertainment – the dance company and the 1st Brigade Band was good

f) Fireworks – terrific! Anida passed out copies of a thank you letter she sent to Schoeneck Containers. John Burke spoke with the new fire chief and we could do 16" shells but we need to plan.

g) Children's entertainment –

-Mini Parade – was real good; lots of kids; the Mayor was there

-Teen Dance – the dj was good; the climbing wall was a hit

-Kid's Stage – was good

-Flashlight Candy Hunt – was great because John Burke kept announcing the rules before the hunt (will do again next year)

h) Games – were good

i) Carnival – was ok

j) Main parade – there were gaps; the Pioneer did not show

-per Cindy – need maps for people to get wherever from staging

-some of the float units wanted to put their float together at the 'A&W' and had

the materials in many cars; forms need to stress this is not acceptable

-the banner carriers did a good job and looked good

-the commission reaffirmed there will be no throwing of anything from units

k) Concessions – Anida reported on major concession meeting at 6:30pm.

-the commercial concessions enjoyed the festival and look forward to next year

l) Entertainment – no Hat Trick; suggest '5 Guys with Days Jobs' on 7/3 in west tent

-John Burke moved that all entertainment on the grounds must have prior written approval from the Fourth of July Commission. John Ziino seconded. Passed.

m) Grounds and parking and facilities –

-all radios are accounted for and in storage

-Independent Sports did a good job with parking

-one of the golf carts was damaged and the bill has been taken care of; John Z.

thought the electric golf carts were too quiet and it was dangerous not having

headlights; Ald. Ament offered golf carts with headlights for next year

7 – Celebration 2002

a) Theme – ideas – **Celebrating American Heroes ---- Approved by consensus**

God Bless America

United We Stand

Patriotic Power

Flying High on the Fourth of July

b) Ideas – change carnival – Rainbow Carnival presented their carnival with an album of pictures; their tickets are \$1.75/each with one for most rides and two for the larger rides; they also can do an unlimited ride pass/hand stamp for four hours; they need water; are self-contained; have 8 to 10 housing trailers; have wagons that sell cotton candy, corn dog, and funnel cakes; provide insurance of \$2 million/event; the rides hold 30 to 50 people each; John Burke went to the sight with Chip; John Z., John B. and Cheryl will meet to measure the area; all agreed it was time to consider a change

8 – **Adjournment** – at 10:00pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, 2001, at 7:30pm for the commission.

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