

Bristol Recreational Advisory Council
January 14, 2021

In attendance: Les Dion, Linda Lyden, Frank Dolloff, Dillon Therrien, Doug Williams, Wendy Williams, Rick Alpers, Jason Briand and Mary Kay Haines

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm via zoom.

The Secretary's report of November 12, 2020 was reviewed. Rick made a motion to accept as presented that was seconded by Wendy and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2020 was reviewed. Jason made a motion to approve that was seconded by Wendy and the motion passed.

Review of books: Les said we put this off in 2020 due to the COVID issues. She asked if we should consider having it done in 2021 and it was agreed that we should.

Old Business

Building – We have had some mice visitors in the basement but JP Pest is addressing it. The dishwasher still needs to be hooked up and then the kitchen will be done. We are still waiting for the shelves to be built in the archery range for eth ECIO food. Steve Henry should be doing it soon.

The lights in Hedding Hall (upstairs) are falling. Doug contacted Goodrum Electric and they will be ordering 8 new units at \$112 each. We need to talk to Eversource about re-lamping the whole building. Les will check out their website and see what we need to do to sign up for their program.

Wendy reported on the food that Mid-State is providing for families with food insecurities. They give enough food for a family of four for 14 days. If we know of someone in need have them call the Mid-State Covid line. Les will send her a list of the items we use for the ECIO program in case they have items they can share.

Fundraisers/Events

Santa's Village evaluation – We did the best we could and the responses on Facebook have been very good. Many thanks to the people who worked on it. There may have been some conflicts with the walk at Slim Baker and Les noted that they are looking to do their walk next year a little later more in line with the winter solstice

Upcoming Prize Calendar fundraiser – Steve Hanser has been collecting gift certificates people have purchased from businesses in town and currently has 38 prizes. The calendar is for the month of March and it has been awesome with so many generous people pitching in.

Cancellations or reworking of some events– we cannot have the Senior luncheon we usually do in conjunction with the Rotary club. Gina, Dan and Les are going to try to do a drive through where the seniors can pick up a meal or maybe have one delivered. They usually play bingo but they can't figure out how to do that so they may get some flowers to give out with the meal.

The Father-Daughter dance can be done with pre-registration with two groups of 20 couples in the gym with the 6 foot tables; one from 6 to 7 pm and the other from 7:30 to 8:30 pm to allow for cleaning in between.

The Mother-Son In It to Win It can also be done; typically this is a much smaller group so the distancing should not be a problem. They can put together bags for the poster making project that could be done at home and brought in for the event.

Easter Egg hunt – they are looking at something outdoors maybe similar to Santa's Village with the Easter bunny and a bag of candy rather than hunting for the eggs. They could put prize tickets in some of the bags and make arrangements to get the prize.

We cannot do the Jack Frost event because the middle school is not open at this time and the kids cannot vote for the candidates.

Goal setting – Les said we really need to finish our mission statement. She suggested we take time at the next Board meeting to focus on this and maybe get it done. Les will get what we already have together and send out a draft. Rick had asked Les for whatever she had on our strategic planning meetings and the committees and he felt we had a good working foundation and just need to reconvene the committees and get going.

Grant updates – We were forgiven the first PPP loan which is good news. Les said the Childcare funds grant report is due by the end of the month.

Annual fund update – We have brought in a couple grand more than last year. Francine Swan has been doing a monthly donation that equals \$3000 a year. Les said she can send out lists of donors and the amounts they gave so if we see any of them we can

personally thank them or send them a personal thank you note. We have 380 donations so far with \$6,000 going to the ECIO and Project Warm.

Les has submitted the grant for funds from the Children's Auction.

Other

Doug said Tom Berry has reached out to him wanting to set up a meeting with the Board about fundraising and reaching out to people interested in donating stocks, bonds and such. He works with Mayhew and has been very successful. His background is similar to T Holmes Moore and he could perhaps push us to the next level. Doug and Les will reach out to him.

New Business

Staff Vaccination Guidelines – Les said the TTCC is not requiring staff to get the vaccine as it is not recommended that it be required and is a personal choice. They do not require the flu vaccine either.

Workers Compensation Insurance – They are going to work with the Scott Lawson Group.

Student Journalist – a high school student is interested in a writing project and there is no outlet for this at the school. For the 75th anniversary of the Center she will write decade by decade articles for the newspaper and she has the first article almost completed. Les will send it out to the Board when it is finished.

Staff Stipend – We have been paying staff an extra \$3 per hour since summer camp. Les has sent staff a letter that we cannot guarantee this will continue. Typically they get a .50 per hour increase and Les is looking at going to \$1.00 based on evaluations. The After School program is bleeding money with an average of 30 kids. She asked about going for the second PPP grant and we agreed that she should apply. If we do not get the money the stipend will stop.

Other

Les reported the ECIO has provided 114 bags a week and expects the numbers to go up once the Middle school is back in the building. The kids are thrilled with the food and the donations keep rolling in.

Golf tournament – Les said she thinks we need to get it back in June and asked Frank to check with the golf course. We should consider asking for sponsors this year.

Winter programs are a balancing act. We are having basketball with masks required and the number of kids on teams limited as well as a shortened season. We are not asking for sponsors at this time.

Marathon is also up in the air with we are not sure how much businesses can afford right now. We can ask now if they want to be a sponsor and get the money later. We can send a bill once we know the event is a go.

Les noted that basketball players have to wear masks while playing and there is going to be a high school team. She has heard there are some kids not playing because of the masks but we can't have different rules for different groups. If they are not playing because of the masks then that is their choice.

It was decided that all BRAC meetings will be scheduled for 6:30 from here on.

Wendy made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Rick and the motions passed.

Submitted by Mary Kay Haines