

Johnsburg Youth Committee
March 14, 2016
7:00pm
Tannery Pond

Present: Deb Morris, Ann Dingman, Kelly Nettle, Ed Welch, Kate Hartley. **Absent:** Trena Riedinger, Mike Gereau.

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Minutes from January: Motion made to accept, seconded and approved by all.

Financial: Town account balance: \$32,340 (ski lessons/Kate spent \$1160); Grant account balance - \$3,400. Kate presented a check from LARAC for \$1200 to put into the grant account.

Activity:

- **Calendar/JCS link/Facebook** – Kate is updating Facebook for her activities, but few people “like” the page. Facebook.com/JohnsburgYouthCommittee. Can send stuff to Jo Smith (ie: Application for ATLAS) to be put on the town website. There’s also a link from the JCS site.
- **ATLAS** - Graduation April 2; 12 students will graduate from three schools. A two part news story will run in Sun Community News. First segment at the end of March – second in April. 11 of the 12 students have had perfect attendance.
- **Ski Report** - 16 students in Sunday program – 12 in Thursday program. The lessons move differently; with the ski bowl being more leisurely. Communication issues from the ski program addressed regarding parents and instructors.
- **School Year** – Kate presented a calendar for the 2015 activities that took place with a breakdown of numbers of children and their demographics. There were approximately 101 males aged 0-21+ and 114 females aged 0-21+ were in attendance in all the activities combined. 7 people of color were represented. Kate spoke with Mike Marwicka about advertising events through the school. He is on board, except he won’t allow the Hunter Education class to be advertised. She presented new courses as well. Discussed cost for Zumba and snacks- agreed to pay Kim Smith her asking price of \$50 for two sessions of the class. Chocolate class - \$15/person JYC will cover \$5/person – kids cover the other \$10. Kate will handle the RSVPs. A gardening class with Maryann Bowers is planned as well. Earth Day celebration April 23. Passport scavenger hunt for young children (3-10) and their families. Many stops with many activities throughout town.
- **Treks** – Andrea has taken kids on rock climbing trips. The trips are very successful.

Future:

- **Summer hiring** – Counselors have been hired; Phil Goodman, Anna, Sherry Hayes, Samantha Cleveland, Emma Lee Ellsworth, Jamie Bruce, Ty Berg, TJ Millington, alternates: Savannah Berg and Annabelle Tucker. Ann may make one of the alternates into a permanent and the county may take on one of the other alternates financially. Ratio must be 1:12 as per state rules.

- **Life guards** – two have been hired.
- **Backpack Program** – school identified 30 kids who get sent home on Friday with a backpack full of non-perishable food. This will continue through the summer; logistics TBD. Federally funded food-lunch program. Johnsbury qualifies for free lunch for all students in the summer youth program because at least 50% of Johnsbury residents qualify for free lunch year round; therefore all the youth participants will get a boxed lunch at the program. The kids can't take them to go, so it will have to be another "period."
- **DOH** – in April they'll send information; we'll have to fill out the application 60 days in advance.
- **Soccer for K-3** – Carrie Mason requested money for elementary soccer, informally. Kelly told her to have Rob Wing go to the website for the forms.
- **Next meeting:** Monday, 4/18 7pm Tannery Pond.