CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Troy Daze Festival Advisory Committee was held Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at the Troy Community Center at 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Jeff Stewart
Mike Gonda
Sandy Macknis
Jim Hattan
Bob Berk
Jeff Super
Alison Miller
Bob Preston
Sarah Wunderlich, student
Dan O'Brien

Absent:

City Staff Present:
Cindy Stewart
Jeff Biegler
Tonya Perry
Mike Lyczkowski

Others:
Doris Schuchter
Poncho Massaini
Lynn Clark

Approval of Minutes

Motion by: Jeff Super
Seconded by: Alison Miller

RESOLVED, that the minutes of October 28, 2008 are approved with correction to the spelling of Russ Harden's name. MOTION CARRIED

New Business

a. Update on City Council's Budget discussions. Expenses in 2008 totaled $139,985.21/ Revenue was $75,289.05. The shortfall was $64,696.16. (Parking, amusements and corporate sponsors down due to cancellation)

Budgeted sponsorships: $36,000 Actual: $23,250

Suggestion was made to submit a similar budget for 2009. City Staff has been instructed that there are to be no increases for the 2009/10 budget.

Police & Fire Explorers were paid a portion of their contracted fees for service. We'll have less summer laborers for Parks & Rec in 2009. We could have student volunteers reassigned to the jobs they would have done.

Troy Daze Festival Committee agrees on the ideas to reduce costs - that it would be better to have the festival every other year instead of shortening the duration. Setup and tear down are the large costs and those costs don't change if days are cut.

Police have adjusted overtime as well as Parks & Rec staff to reduce costs over the years.

In terms of every other year, we just reduce risk of losing any money by not holding the festival. But the Committee hopes it can continue each year.

The trailer vendor only charged half their costs for 2008 due to the weather. Entertainers were okay since they were promised they'd be back in 2009.

Jeff Biegler will share tent specs with Bob Berk and Mike Gonda to get the bid out by February.

b. Suggestions from 2008 Festival

- Hold a weather-related drill with vendors (at Booth Meeting). Bob will review the procedure drawn up for clearing the park. State Code Public Act 207 - Fire Department has the authority to evacuate any facility/public place in case of emergency. There was discussion about revising festival policies/evacuation process
- Bob and Mike to schedule a meeting in April with Wayne and Terry regarding Police Explorers.

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c. Review of 2009 Festival, Sept. 17-20

- Photography co-chair's name to Bob Berk.
- EthniCity – EIAB are exploring other options instead of EthniCity Tent with booths.

- Jim Hattan saved all the flags from EthniCity Tent, dried and stored in his basement.
- Miss Troy – ways to cut costs: Hold event at Troy High School on a Friday instead of a Saturday. Check local churches regarding costs if pageant is held at one of their locations.
- Fire Trucks in the parade: Chief Nelson does not care where the trucks are located in the lineup.

Member Comment

City Council cut the Appreciation Banquet out of the budget; they do appreciate everyone's service.

Office Nickie Kaptur, Community Services Section, had a heart attack and is recuperating at home. All members wish her a speedy recovery.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Bob Berk, Co-Chairperson

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Cindy Stewart, Community Affairs Director