

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
Christmas Committee
Minutes of January 17, 2024
4:00pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

THE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 PM AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX HALL, 208 E. MAIN STREET, PEOTONE, ILLINOIS BY COMMITTEE CHAIR, NICK STRBA. IN ATTENDANCE WERE TAMMY COWGER, STACEY HARTWELL, STEFANIE HORN AND BILLY ROBINSON. VICKI MOORE AND STEVE STEIN WERE ABSENT. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WAS POLICE CHIEF, DAVID DEMIK.

MINUTES

MOTION BY COWGER, SECOND BY ROBINSON TO APPROVE THE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023. ALL VOTED YES; MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW 2023 CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE EVENT

GENERAL CONCENSUS WAS THAT THE EVENT WENT WELL. THERE WERE SOME ISSUES WITH JR HIGH AGED CHILDREN NOT BEING WELL SUPERVISED, BEING DISRESPECTFUL TO VOLUTEERS IN AUTHORITY, HITTING EACH OTHER WITH THE LIGHT STICK HANDOUTS AND ALSO TRYING TO DAMAGE THE BLOW UP PHOTO OP. SOME PARENTS WERE HOLDING THEIR CHILDREN OVER THE BARRICADES DURING THE PARADE, WHICH WAS A SAFETY CONCERN. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT POSSIBLY USING BARRICADES ON ONE SIDE OF MAIN STREET FOR THE NEXT EVENT.

DISCUSS 2024 CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE EVENT

THE HORSE AND CARRAIGE, PHOTO BOOTH, BALLOON ARTIST AND REINDEER ARE ALL SET FOR 2024 EVENT. THE SCHOOL IS AWARE OF THE DATE. WILL NEED TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLY ADJUSTMENTS DEPENDING ON THE PROGRESS OF DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT AT LATER MEETINGS. DISCUSSED HANDOUTS; WILL DETERMINE WHAT QUANTITIES ARE LEFT AND WHICH ITEMS, MAY NOT RE-ORDER LIGHT STICKS, MAY ORDER LIGHT NECKLACES INSTEAD, CHIEF FOUND SOME ON AMAZON WITH A LOW COST AND WILL FORWARD INFORMATION. FOOD TRUCK WAS WELL RECEIVED AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S EVENT, WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANOTHER FOOD TRUCK FOR THIS YEAR, POSSIBLY A TACO TRUCK.

REVIEW AND APPROVE 2024 BUDGET

DISCUSSED THE INCREASES ON SOME INCLUDING NHS AS THEY SUPPLY MANY VOLUNTEERS AND WORK THE ENTIRE EVENT, THE ILLINOIS HORSE RESCUE MAY BE ELIMINATED AS THEY HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE THE PAST COUPLE YEARS DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS TO RUN, MAY ELIMINATE/ADJUST HANDOUT AMOUNTS, MAY ELIMINATE BLOW UP PHOTO OP. MOTION BY STRBA, SECOND BY COWGER, ALL VOTED YES; MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE THE JUDGES FOR THE HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST, MAY HAVE CATEGORIES THIS YEAR AND WILL DISCUSS AT LATER MEETING. WILL DISCUSS AND APPROVE DONATION LETTER AT NEXT MEETING, COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BRING ANY NEW IDEAS TO NEXT MEETING FOR DISCUSSION

DISCUSS NEXT MEETING DATE

NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 10, 2024 AT 4:00PM

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY COWGER TO ADJOURN THE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:10 PM. ALL VOTING YES; MOTION CARRIED.