

Minutes of the Community Resources Commission

December 9, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Vogt Conference Room

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Reta Brudd.

Roll Call:

Present: Reta Brudd, Chair; Members: Mike Cutrano, Janet Czuchra, Garrett Gray, Sheri Reiplinger, Al Siegers, Don Budny, Ron Centanni, Assoc. Member John Carey, Liaison Trustee Tom Staunton

Absent: Staff Liaison Donna Framke, Commissioners Barbara Rose Whalen, Dave Szumigalski, Deb Melchert, and Mike Sevier.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by **Don Budny**, second by **Janet Czuchra**, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Correspondence:

No correspondence.

Minutes:

Motion was made by **Don Budny**, seconded by **Janet Czuchra**, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Studio

Reta Brudd stated there was a problem with one of the cameras last night and had to be adjusted in order to get filming done. Need to get a tech to look at it. The camera is not opening. Also need to replace the printer.

Reta Brudd stated on January 2nd at Ed & Joe's there will be a pizza party for the Studio volunteers.

Old Business:

Discover Tinley

We are stuffing and labeling envelopes for the January mailing.

Reta Brudd reminded everyone to get receipts for expenses to her as soon as possible.

Christmas Market

Reta Brudd thanked everyone for their hard work and long hours spent setting up, working at and taking down the Christmas Market/Santa's Arrival. It was done very well, everything moved quickly. Over 700 Santa pictures were printed over the two days, more than ever done, and over 1500 hand-outs to the kids.

Tom Staunton spoke on behalf of the Mayor who was very thankful for all of the hard work of the volunteers at the Christmas Market.

Don Budny wanted to give a special thanks to one of our Studio volunteers, Joe De Nova for all of his hard work over the weekend.

Garrett Gray also stated that Joe De Nova worked continuously for six days with set up and taping. As his first year involved, he was very impressed with the parades and activities throughout the weekend. Very hardworking group and very impressed with the amount of volunteers and the amount of time put into the event.

Ron Centanni thinks a bullhorn is needed to announce numbers for Santa.

Janet Czuchra thought maybe a sign in sheet would be good for Santa numbers so people know when to return if their numbers are called before they return.

Reta Brudd thought the number machine was placed in a bad spot, difficult to read, needs to be placed higher on the window.

Al Siegers stated the system we use is a very economical one. Would be nice to have a double-sided number sign so people inside the train station would know what number we were on. The system can't be outdoors, can't get any moisture. Thought we ran into problems with visitors from Polar Express. Al also noticed there was no fire or police cars/trucks at the Toyland Parade.

Mike Cutrano suggested having the rides moved into the empty field across from the train station to try to attract more people over to the Historical Society.

Jack Carey thought the inside of the train station was too crowded. Would like to see something done with the crowds inside the train station who have tickets far off from the numbers being called.

Reta Brudd said people reported the carousel was moving too fast. When someone talked to the vendor he stated it was factory preset. Al Siegers and Denise Maly-Politano also agreed carousel was moving too fast.

Tom Staunton said to ask the vendor about the carousel factory speed. If it is too fast and they won't or can't adjust the speed, then we will not hire them next year.

Reta Brudd reported the Soldier's Fund donations and sale of stuffed animals was \$1,130.94 and product sales was \$653.00. If money is not needed for packages, it will go to the Veteran's Fund, never into the general fund.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made by **Sheri Reiplinger**, seconded by **Jack Carey** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.