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BOARD OF RECREATION MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairperson, Joe Falcha.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Falcha - Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Jennifer Harkey - Lisa Andrzejewski – Missy Orduz, PT Associate Director –Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Bruce – Jim Geffert

PUBLIC COMMENT: Reginald Johnson and Rich Dow offered to run basketball clinics and practices if gym space was available. Reginald volunteered his services he intends on hosting. He accepts responsibility of the premises which would be used towards Seymour girls' youth and older basketball players (ages 12 and up). There will be no fees associated with the clinics and practices he runs. Reggie is requesting two hours any two evenings of the week, based on availability. These clinics would start as soon as possible. Rich spoke of his interest in being a basketball coach. Missy will consider this and be in contact with him with more information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Jennifer to approve the minutes of the Augst 26, 2009 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe F. again asked for a better breakdown of what is taken in versus what expenses are incurred with each program run by the Recreation Department. Members are requesting a breakdown of salaries, revenues, supplies needed for each program that will be offered in the future as well. All these figures are necessary ahead of time if the Recreation Department is to request line item changes or add funds needed in the future. The Commission does not want to run out of funds before the next fiscal year starts. Lisa suggested estimates be submitted at the next meeting for fall and spring programs. Jack reminded the members that the information they are looking for now should have been discussed way before the budget for this year was set. A letter from Bob Koskelowski was not acted on. Jennifer recommended that these estimates be available in two weeks so they can be presented at the next Board of Finance meeting. This hopefully would put the Recreation Department in a better position for next year. Jack and Missy will work on getting a spreadsheet ready for next week. After this lengthy discussion the Commission members were ready to approve the treasurer's report. Also suggested was an additional line item for the Associate Director's salary.

Jack reported the following:

Contracted services line item 620-500 estimated total balance as of 9/21/09.....\$15,177.19.

A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Jennifer to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: A letter from Jim Caprio, Ice Cream Man , requesting permission to sell ice cream at the summer camp playgrounds again next summer.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jennifer to table this request until January 2010. All in favor, motion carried.

A letter from Reginald Johnson requesting gym space. (see Public Comment)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT :

Skate Park – since last meeting \$390.00 taken in and approximately \$1470.00 paid out. No other information available at this time.

Basketball registrations will be held on October 14, 15 and 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Forms will be in the schools the first full week of October.

Karate – has had more signups since the extensive media coverage.

Travel/Trips:

Radio City Music Hall - 11/22 - is filling up.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra tickets on sale now for concert Saturday , 11/14 at 3:00 PM. at the XL Center in Hartford. Notices to the media and going out tomorrow. Flyers available soon. There will be a school bus rather than a coach bus for this trip due to the expense.

Yankee Candle trip – and NY shopping trip are being formed now.

Toddler's Playgroup on Monday and Wednesday mornings has 1 or 2 openings left.

Cougar's Den - Missy discussed that flyers with dates went to the schools this week. Schedules can be seen on the website as well. The Cougar's Den will be open November through June on specified dates from 7:30-9:30 PM if volunteers offer to help out. Missy will hold a parent's meeting will be held on October 6 to encourage parents to volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Lisa to table the summer camp wrap up to the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Skate Park Closing – Lisa asked for a list of total amount in salaries paid out to see if this program is really feasible any longer. The Skate Park will close by Halloween weekend.

Connecticut Speed School – Joe L. will check with the promoters of this program to see when it would even fit in with the busy gym schedules already in place.

NEW BUSINESS: Several fall programs already started and the remainder will be starting next week. The pre-school Parent/Child Arts and Crafts Class has been cancelled. The Pre-School Sports Mania program now has two sessions. The Youth Indoor Tennis Clinic has 12 on the waiting list. Missy would like to include these children as well but would need to hire another person to help. She

does have someone willing to work and would like approval to hire her. Thirty children have already paid for these programs. Joe F. will get back to Missy on this subject.

Basketball Leagues - Missy explained how press releases went out for league directors, referees, and scorekeepers. Ideally it would be best if there were two directors, one for the boys league and one for the girls league. Joe F. suggested getting volunteers to help run these practices but not start actual games until after the new year. Members discussed more instructional and actual less game might be an answer to cutting down on expenses. Possibly remove playoffs at the end was also recommended to cut expenses.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jennifer to have reversible blue and gold Seymour Recreation tee shirts with numbers on the back. All in favor, motion carried.

Sponsor names would not be on the shirts but would be advertised on signs in the Community Center gym. Suggested price of this sponsorship was \$85.00 for the season or \$100.00 for the entire year.

A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Jennifer to raise the basketball fees to \$45.00 per child for one child, \$90.00 for 2 children and \$100.00 for 3 or more children from the same family. All in favor, motion carried.

Joe L. offered to check with other local towns about travel teams and report back to members. Missy suggested if there is to be a travel team a separate flyer might need to be made. Missy and Jack will have basketball flyers available soon.

A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Lisa to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **October 28, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are reminded to contact Joe or Jack if they cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary

