

SEYMOUR RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING                      NOVEMBER 28, 2007                      COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairperson, Joe Falcha.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Falcha - - Christine Battis – Mark Thompson – Donna Ragaini – Dawn Supranovich – Joe LaRovera - Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Bruce

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Andrejewski, Chairperson of After School Adventure Program of Bungay School.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lisa Andrejewski explained the After School program. She requested the use of the cafeteria , Cougar’s Den and gym of the Community Center for programs two days per week to be run from March 10 through April 11, 2008. Parental involvement was assured. (for more information, see letter attached).

Donna asked about children from other schools attending. Lisa mentioned that right now the program is for Bungay School students only indicating the two other grammar schools offer similar programs of their own. Combining groups might be considered in the future. Lisa is still looking into securing more volunteers to run the programs which run approximately one hour after school. Bus transportation from Bungay School to the Community Center would be provided. Parents would be required to pick up the children at the center at 4:45 PM. Lisa is very flexible at present with the days and times that the building would be available. She is in the process of finalizing the programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2007 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Jack reported the following:  
Contracted services line item -620-500 estimated total balance as of 11/27/07.....\$16,896.04.  
A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Christine to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** A letter (attached) from Lisa Andrejewski, Chairperson of the After School Adventure Program at Bungay School was reviewed.

Dawn, on behalf of the George Hummel Little League, verbally requested use of the gym from January 2008 through mid March, 6 hours total. Three hours each for boys and for girls. Little League is flexible on days, either date or Sunday, or both, in three hour increments from from noon until 5:00 PM.

Jay Hatfield, CT Cougars AAU Basketball requested gym use for up to four of the following dates for try-out practice. Dates requested – January 19, 20 or 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 or 6-8 PM. January 26, 27 or 28<sup>th</sup> – same times. February 9, 10 or 11<sup>th</sup>.....same times. All requests are for weekends.

Dean Meier, Seymour Karate instructor, requested gym use to run a program for children aged 6 and up twice a week starting at 4:00 PM ending at 7:45 PM. This program wouldbe exclusively for Seymour residents only. He also requested the gym for certain events, (no dates determined).

Request for the cafeteria for a Seymour Recreation sponsored program for grades 6-7-8 on January 12, 2008.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Jack informed members that a flier for Instructional Basketball for 6 and 7 year olds has been sent to the schools.

Joe F. requested again a monthly calendar including updated use of any rooms in the Community Center even if it hasn't been changed since the previous month. Dawn offered to get together with Jack before the next meeting to work on this.

Jack reminded members to refer to events at the Community Center before planning others. This will allow for ample parking for all activities.

A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Christine to accept the Director's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Donna to add Pop Warner to the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Christine to allow Stephanie Ciccone, Seymour High School Cheerleading Coach, use of the gym from 2:30 to 5:00 PM starting Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> through mid March. They will bring their own mats and store them on the stage.. All in favor, motion carried.

**POP WARNER:** A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Donna to allow Pop Warner free use of the gym as requested. All in favor, motion carried.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY FAIR: The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fair will be held Sunday, December 9, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in the cafeteria. Donna has fliers ready this week for the schools to hand out.

She has also received the craft supplies ordered. Christine will arrange for the fair to be advertised on the marquee at the Community Center. Donna will secure the key for the event. Joe F. will check with Gary to arrange for Santa Claus arrival on the fire truck. The truck will be parked in the church parking lot. All others will be asked to park in other locations.

YOUTH CENTER- The next date to be open will be Friday, November 30, 2007 for grades 7 and 8. Friday, December 7, the Cougar's Den will be open for grade 6 only. It will remain closed for the remainder of December and reopen again in January 2008 with a possible dance for all three grade levels. No date has been set at this time. Joe F. will meet sometime in December, with the Youth Center subcommittee members (Christine, Joe L., and Gary) to discuss future plans.

SKATE PARK REPORT: Christine handed out a detailed financial report to members. Two reasons for the deficit were the small fee charged daily to the skaters and the staffing costs being higher this season. Joe F. will discuss this situation with Mr. Koskelowski before the next meeting. Tarps are in place on the ramps for now. A discussion will continue regarding new ramps to replace the old ones. This has been an ongoing issue for quite some time.

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL: Registrations will take place December 3, 4 and 5, 2007 from 6:15-8:00 PM. There will be a fee of \$30.00 per child with a reduction for the third child.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to allow George Hummel Little League use of the gym on Saturdays and/or Sundays as requested. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Donna allowing Dean Meier, to run the Seymour Rec Karate Program twice a week for youth. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to allow Jay Hatfield use of the gym for AAU Basketball. This is to be worked out between Jay and Jack . All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Donna to give permission to Lisa Andrejewski, Chairperson of the After School Adventure Program of Bungay School, minimally one day and a maximum of two days a week, use of the Community Center gym and Youth Center. The Youth Center will only be used by 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Joe F. will contact Lisa with the decision. All in favor, motion carried.

Mark handed out a draft of policy/procedures for background checks. Members will review and comment on this at the December meeting.

A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Dawn to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **December 19, 2007 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