



Labor Day Parade Advisory Board First Official Meeting April 15, 2019

Board Members present: Art Milton, Edna Sowards, Bill Sowards, Grace Shirk, Patricia Vincent, Kaye Whitley, and Mary Chappell

Board Members absent: Samme Montgomery

City Staff present: Linda Mohr

Guests Present:

The second official meeting to plan the 35th annual Rock Island Labor Day parade started at 12:05 p.m.

I. Introductions

2. Additions to the Agenda

No additions were made to the agenda.

3. Approval of Meeting Summary

A motion was made by E. Sowards and seconded by S. Shirk to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019, meeting. The motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

M. Chappell review the provided September 2018 Expenditure Report to provide members with a general understanding of parade related expenses.

5. Discussion of the 2019 Parade - #35

M. Chappell distributed copies of the Save the Date post card mailed to past participants. She also reported that the mailing to bands/musical groups and the first mailing to past participants was on schedule to go out in April. Members discussed attractions for the parade and learned that the Wells Fargo Stagecoach may be a possibility. P. Vincent reported on her efforts to contact the Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile.

Members also discussed how this year's theme, "Parade of Champions" would be represented. Ideas generated included checking with Michelle Lillis from RIHS to gain a list of champions. Contacting prominent athletes from the area such as Chasson Randle, Madison Keyes, and Ethan Happ was also discussed. Focusing on non-athletics was also discussed. Concern was raised regarding how they would be transported or featured in the parade.

Members reviewed the list of musical groups on the back of the agenda and learned that the Western IL Marching Band will be in this year's parade. All the costs remain the same. Only request was to revisit the lunch menu to see if it could be upgraded a bit. Otherwise, the band/organization is very pleased with the parade. K. Whitley was going to check with Hy-Vee regarding lunch options. G. Shirk reported that the Crooked Cactus band, formally known as the Los Macambos band, had also committed and would like to be placed toward the back of the line-up. Compensation was discussed. A motion was made by G. Shirk and second by B. Sowards to pay the band \$400, an increase from the \$350 band fee. The motion passed.

Due to time constraints, the discussion of parade favors and shirts was postponed to the May meeting. G. Shirk reported that she had contacted both high schools regarding the creation of a new logo for the parade. She was waiting for a response from both art teachers.

6. Misc. Items of Concern/Comments

No discussion

7. Public Comments

No one from the public was present.

8. Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss a motion was made by A. Milton and seconded by K. Whitley to adjourn. Motions passed with no objections. Meeting ended at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Chappell