



Labor Day Parade Advisory Board Meeting Minutes July 26, 2021

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

City Staff present:

Absent: Nathan Parch, Patricia Vincent and Kathy Garrison

The fourth meeting to plan the 37th annual Rock Island Labor Day parade started at 12:10 p.m. and was held in person at the South Rock Island Township Office Building.

1. Introductions

M. Chappell thanked everyone for coming.

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of July 12, 2021, Minutes

A motion was made by K. Whitley and seconded by B. Sowards to approve the July 12, 2021, minutes as presented. The motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

No update was available.

5. Entries received to Date

As of the July 12th meeting, there were 24 entries. N. Parch shared via an email that there had not been much activity since the last meeting.

6. Discussion of 2021 Parade

M. Chappell encouraged members to continue to watch for unique entry possibilities for the parade. A new shirt order will be placed. K. Whitley will review options and present at a future meeting. There was discussion on the need to secure open cars for the Citizens of the Year and to find a special vehicle for the parade marshal. A. Milton passed out a copy of the communication he shared with the School District that was shared with public schools. He has also been in touch with Jordon school regarding participation. Still working on a solution as to how the WIU band will utilize RIHS for lunch following the parade. A review was made of the volunteer sheet.

7. Staging Items

The Heroes section was discussed. K. Whitley will check into the idea of honoring health care workers and staff from the County Health Department. G. Shirk has secured K. Wymer to honor her All-Americans recognition. Members were also working on finding an organization for the post parade clean-up.

M. Chappell will move forward and applying for the parade permit. She also confirmed that Pizza & Subs is now open and will host the post parade luncheon.

8. Public Comments

M. Chappell noted that the reminder postcard was recently mailed out. Letter will be sent to all Council members in a few weeks.

9. Misc. Items of Concern/Public Comments

There were no members of the public present.

10. Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by A. Milton and seconded by G. Shirk to adjourn. Motions passed with no objections. Meeting ended at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Chappell