

**Minutes**  
**Volunteer Program Advisory Board**  
**September 28, 2009**  
**Youth Center**  
**16 Park Rd.**

*Mission Statement: "To foster goodwill and community spirit in Fairfax through volunteer activities."*

Board Members: John Reed, Holly Bragman, Melanie Peratis, Anya Schandler, Tim Barrett, Lana Pereyaslavska, Dave Johansen

Present: John Reed, Melanie Peratis, Holly Bragman, Lana Pereyaslavska, Dave Johansen, Efren Alba, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator,

John called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The August minutes were approved.

Public Forum-

**1. Reports**

- **Chair-** John announced the Town is researching whether Forrest Brinkworth has been paid by Fire Safe Marin for his brush clearing work in April.
- **Treasurer** –Holly announced she has some initial figures from the picnic financial report: Donations from raffle: \$617; Beer sales: \$1100; Sponsorship from merchants: \$1,550. A full financial summary will be presented at the next meeting. There are still expenses that must be paid out from the picnic, so it is estimated there will be a small income from the picnic.
- **Coordinator-** Maria submitted a check for \$200 from Coffee Roasters to Holly for picnic sponsorship.
- **Discussion-**The group chose the winners of the raffle prizes. Maria will contact individuals to pick up their gift certificates.

Old Business

- **Picnic September 20 re-cap-** The Volunteer Board agreed that the weather played a major factor in lower attendance this year. The heat wave made it difficult to be on the ball field during the day with the limited shade. Some options that were explored for next year will be to start the event later in the day so it runs into the evening.

The positive feedback on the picnic was that it was very well organized; there were sufficient volunteers, and better signage than previous years.

The raffle prizes seemed to be very effective in getting the public to donate at the check-in point. It was agreed that the raffle should be continued in future years; particularly since many merchants are willing to contribute gift certificates in lieu of cash donations.

The weaknesses were that while the music was good, it was different from what the audience prefers. Next year, the Volunteers will try to once again secure the Liddypudlians as the band. The cost ended up being the same, using two bands. The Gas Men will be compensated \$400 for their entertainment.

Other suggestions included that a sunscreen station be added to the first aid station.

Since there is a new little league coach, the Volunteers will check with him to ensure there are no games scheduled the previous day. Some board members preferred setting everything up on the same day rather than the day prior.

Chad's Catering did not fare as well as he would have liked, but it seems to be the case for all vendors at festivals this year.

Public Works reported they do not want the town stage to be used next year due to the problem with the mud that became encased on the base of the stage.

- **Pet Waste stations-** . Melanie reported she spoke with the owner of Beach House Style who approved the placement of the pet waste station on their property. It will be installed soon.

## 2. **New Business**

- **Boards & Commission video-** will be shown at the October meeting since some members were absent.
- **Holiday caroling potluck-** set for December 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m.

Next Meeting: **scheduled for October 26th at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.