

Shapleigh Community Day Committee  
Shapleigh Library  
January 10, 2024

MINUTES

**Those present:** Sue Gagnon, Linda Haley, Nancy Hodgdon, Monica Lemaire, and Penny Mills

**Meeting was called to order at 18:10.**

**Volunteers:** Penny will create posters for display at the Town Meeting to recruit volunteers. She will design a volunteer sign up that highlights areas of need. We will put out a notice for our next meeting and encourage interested volunteers to attend.

**Kid's Area:** We hope to move the animal encounters closer to the kid's area to improve their audience. Loading and unloading animals may be an issue if there is no parking. We discussed a need of a clear entrance to the kid's area so liability forms are signed before kid's are allowed in the bouncy house. An archway was discussed at our last meeting, but storage may be an issue. Monica suggested a balloon archway. It is an inexpensive solution that requires minimal storage space, so we plan to go ahead with that option.

Another issue for the kid's area is the photo op cut-out of the tractor. We will talk to David Wade to see if the BoyScouts can make some sandbag weights.

**Parade:** Options for our Grand Marshall were discussed. We opted to discuss this more at our next meeting. Noise from the fire trucks drowned out the parade announcer. We will discuss this with the Fire and Rescue department at a future meeting. We decided to have a theme for this year's parade in the hopes that more businesses will attend and create floats. Our theme is, "Out of this world!"

**Concessions:** Back up food will be stored at Nancy's house or at Monica's house. We will add corn dog's to the menu.

**Silent Auction:** Linda volunteered to organize the Silent Auction donations and paperwork. Everyone will work to get donations.

**Friday night:** The Howling Hunger food truck and Kona Ice will be invited back for this summer's event. We will encourage the food truck to park in the Town Hall lot next summer to prevent the generator noise from drowning out the band. The cost of the music has increased. We will try to find sponsors for the event.

**Dates:**

Community Day will be held July 26- 27, 2024.

Next meeting will be held at 6:00pm in the Shapleigh Memorial Library on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 20:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Mills