

AD-HOC Playground Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2008

In attendance:

Brian Flaherty, Director of Recreation and Parks

Jane Dunlop, Committee Chair

Jerry Lokken, Eric Doshna, Mary Lou Gannotti, Stacey Wielachowski, Lisa Cote

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6 pm. and the minutes from November's meeting were approved.

The location of the Playground sign at Stenger Farm was discussed. Eric is constructing a weatherproof sign to hold the plan of the playground and possibly the marketing brochures. Eric suggested an area near the path and parking lot. Everyone was in agreement. Eric will call Brian before digging to make sure there are no wires in that area.

A discussion took place regarding making the playground more interactive for children of all abilities. Stacey communicated Mary Gardner's suggestions. It was also suggested that we invite Diane Harrington or a Board Member of the Kelsey Harrington Foundation to a meeting to discuss their ideas in making the playground more interactive. Jane will be getting in touch with Diane.

The fundraising committee met at Borders in November and is calling businesses to obtain contact names. Jane will be mailing out the information packets along with the marketing brochures as the names come available. The brochures are also going out in the Friday Folders at the elementary schools.

Donations coming in from the brochure will go through Recreation and Parks. Their system will print the donors receipt along with their recognition information.

The fundraising event at Eugene O'Neill Theatre was discussed at length. Postponing the event until May was suggested to allow ample time coordinating this event. Jerry questioned how we would fund this event, as we won't be able to use donation money. It was suggested that possibly we can solicit businesses to donate food or possibly sponsor the event. Melissa Guarneri will be heading the sub-committee.

A health fair was discussed as another fundraising event or possibly coinciding with planned events like a "get out and play" at Earth Day or the Stenger Farm Easter Egg Hunt.

Jerry reported that the marketing brochures have been completed and were distributed to committee members. The Public Access Channel ad is still in the works. Mary Lou volunteered to go on the Lee Elci Show. Jerry will email Mary Lou's information to Lee Elci.

Mary Lou suggested having marketing brochures posted at the Waterford Library and The Children's Museum. Brochures will also be available at the Community Center desk. Mary Lou also suggested constructing a fundraising calendar to assist us in knowing what tasks need to be completed each month.

Jane is printing grant information forms. Jerry has volunteered to complete grant application forms. Jane will email Jerry a list of all 5013-C grants.

Jane suggested conducting individual sub-committee meetings after the regularly scheduled meetings.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January, 20, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Stacey Wielachowski