

MINUTES OF A REGULAR ROOSEVELT ARTS, PARKS, & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 6, 2022 at Roosevelt City Offices

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chair Preston Kadleck.

A roll call was taken which showed the following committee members present:
Chair Preston Kadleck, Vice Chair Rowdy Cloward, Secretary Daniel Mauchley, Lianne Ames, Emily Graham, Royce Porter, and Jeramie Tubbs.
Brent Fenn of Roosevelt City was also present.

MINUTES

The minutes of December 2, 2021 were not approved due to the lack of a quorum. Brent Fenn made a correction, stating that the Parks Subcommittee paid the remaining \$500 towards the expansion of the ice rink.

DISCUSSION OF WINTERFEST 2022

Chair Kadleck addressed questions the Uintah Basin Standard had about Winterfest. Various events like cross-country skiing and sledding are questionable this year due to the lack of snow. The ice rink is temporarily closed down due to the warm weather. The board game night is scheduled and prepared. The Recreation Subcommittee is providing 4 copies of the Ice Cool board game as a giveaway that night. Emily Graham mentioned in past years that Winterfest has included an art night, yoga, photo classes, etc. She expressed interest in doing some of those things again based on public feedback. Chair Kadleck is concerned about assigning more work to the APR Committee, and instead suggested finding others who could oversee a Winterfest event committee under the APR umbrella. Lianne expressed interest in a one-day ballroom dance course for couples. She suggested Teagan and Shayne Mann as instructors and will follow up with them to see if they could help with a February event. Jeramie Tubbs is arranging portable restroom facilities for the sledding day.

ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT & DISCUSSION

Emily reported rehearsals for Lamb of God are 4-6 PM. Four rehearsals have been added on March 12, 13, 18, and 19 at Union High School.

Chair Kadleck talked to Ryan Lundstrum about possibly having his bluegrass band play as the 4th of July concert opening band. Lianne Ames added the suggestion of doing a local Battle of the Bands. The bands could play 10 minutes each or about 3 songs. It usually takes about 5 minutes to stage and switch each band. The bands should check ahead of the event to see that their equipment properly connects with the sound system.

Lianne suggested doing folk dance festivals in our area. She would like to invite dance groups from other countries, but is also open to folk dance groups from Utah. For example, the Springville Folkfest is hoping to bring a South African group this year. Last year that festival contacted Polish, Peruvian, and Bolivian folk dance groups that lived in Utah to participate. These groups are mostly comprised of immigrants from those countries and they usually have their own bands as well. Lianne's group also participates in these festivals by presenting American folk dance performances. The main challenge is feeding and housing the groups. When Lianne's group performed in Drummondville, Quebec, her group was housed in bunks at a school and they were fed in the cafeteria. The dancers usually perform on outdoor stages similar to the Constitution Park or UBIC stage. She suggested coordinating with other folk dance festivals in the region to invite these groups to come perform in our area around the same time. They would be beautiful celebrations of community and culture.

Roosevelt City has sound equipment at Old Mill Park that would be suitable for smaller scale performances, but someone needs to operate it. Some concern was expressed by the committee about continuing to store that equipment in the cold and having trained operators available.

Lianne's American Folk group is also an option to perform for the 4th of July for free. Brent Fenn suggested Kenadi Dodds, the *America's Got Talent* performer from Utah, would be willing to perform for the concert. Other band suggestions were Playlist, Monday Crosier, and Mark Winterton's band. Lianne suggested that the bands send an audition video to the APR Committee.

Lianne expressed concern over the costs of utilizing the Roosevelt Jr. High theater, which was partially funded by Community Impact Board funds. Stage sets have been necessary for her theater productions, but the costs of the venue have been hundreds of dollars per hour. She agrees that there are necessary rental costs to pay staff and to maintain the venue; however, the high venue costs are very challenging to budget for in addition to the other teachers Lianne hires and the costumes needed. Very little profit is made from these efforts in the end due to all the expenses. Like Emily Graham and her student music teachers, Lianne also pays her student teachers more than she makes herself in the end. In her previous performances at the theater her group was also not given dressing rooms due to health protocols and she agreed to use the scene shop; however, the shop was full of broken items that had to be cleaned up to make the room usable. She could only afford one rehearsal and was given very little time to set up the stage for the performance due to a career fair. Stage lights had poor condition color gels and the backdrop scene (cyclorama) still had no batten or stabilizing pole. Though these children theater programs often produce the high school theater's performers, Lianne feels that the venues are unaccommodating to the needs of community production companies. Emily said in her discussions with other performers and producers in the community, the experiences they have had are very similar to Lianne's in nearly every case. Only Lamb of God has not been charged because it is an all-volunteer effort. Vice Chair Cloward mentioned that multiple school board members and Superintendent Brotherson spoke with him during his City Council

campaign and acknowledged that there are issues concerning the use of the auditorium and its associated costs that need to be worked out. Lianne knows the benefit of children's theater and wants it to continue; however, the prohibitive cost of running a privately owned group and the expenses of using the available venues have made the effort too difficult. She is considering whether to run the theater as a community program instead that is perhaps sponsored by the APR Committee. Vice Chair Cloward will work to get Superintendent Brotherson and Mayor Bird together to discuss these issues. The new Roosevelt Library may also offer another venue for smaller performances and recitals in the new community room. If the event is free to attendees and open to the public then the rent will be waived.

RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Kadleck has helped form a Disc Golf Committee which includes Sam Smith as Chair and members John Travort, John Nolte, and Royce Porter. Kent Henline may also accept a position. The Chair role will rotate annually. Chair Kadleck will be their APR Committee Liaison. They will be overseeing disc golf events in Roosevelt throughout 2022.

APR Committee members agreed that Winterfest and the 4th of July/Dance Festival event would both benefit from having their own separate committees similar to the Disc Golf Committee to help avoid overburdening volunteers.

Jeramie suggested we could call for special committee members on the APR Facebook page now that there are 800 followers and the monthly giveaways have gained attention. Royce Porter expressed interest in getting more involved in the management of the Facebook page. Chair Kadleck also encouraged the committee to get photos of giveaway winners to show who won and continue to build the social media following. The monthly giveaway assignment reminders will be listed at the end of the APR meeting agenda.

Paths are scheduled to be constructed in the Nature Park in June.

The 4 additional disc golf baskets have been installed at Constitution Park and have been added to the course on the Udisc app.

PARKS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

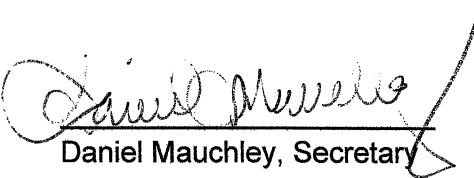
The first male pickleball league that had 15 slots has finished. Now a men's league, a women's league, and a mixed league have begun with 64 slots taken. Jeremy Libberton is helping to run the league with Rachel. The mixed league filled first. Word of mouth and the utilization of the Groupme app contributed to the increase. The Groupme app has 88 followers now. The league is being held at King's Peak Elementary, 3 nights a week. In the spring, the leagues will move to the outdoor courts painted on the basketball courts. UHS tennis courts are available, but if a tournament is held, there is a \$50 event rental fee.

Jeramie asked whether the construction of any new pickleball courts were planned. At this time there is not adequate funding to add courts into the Constitution Park sport complex project. Each court costs approximately \$30,000. Wind breaks would also be needed for those courts due to the light weight of the pickleball.

Vice Chair Cloward motioned to adjourn the meeting. Emily Graham seconded the motion. The motion was voted unanimously in favor by committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Minutes approved on 02/03/2022.


Daniel Mauchley, Secretary