

Sunset at Sunset

October 6, 2009

Present: Karen J., Bev, Jean, Marci, Karen D, Ann

1. Review of event—Suggestions for next year.
  - Control tables and chairs by having all in one location and requiring exhibitors to pick up their tables and chairs.
  - Locate volunteer table closer to Welcome Booth
  - Move banner so it does not hang as low on the tent
  - People liked the high school singing group.
  - Once again, the Marine Band was very popular.
  - Perhaps we need a change from the Big Band. This year again people left before they finished playing. Do we need to change the order?
  - Consider something big to end the day. A flyover of military jets? Jean encountered problems communicating with the Army band and choir.
  - Take “community block party” off the signs and call the event a festival
  - Keep about the same number of vendors, perhaps add pizza and a vegetarian option.
  - Consider a “taste of the town” concept for the food with tickets for small servings.
  - Need volunteer sign up earlier—at least a month ahead.
  - Have a volunteer meeting prior to event, would help with parking and other volunteers
  - La Cucina ,Las Palmeras and Food Lion allowed people to use rest rooms
  - Need more cones to block off parking for entertainers and others
  - Need to keep parking volunteers at the intersection near the entertainers
  - Try to find more parking for vendors
  - Need more handicapped parking
  - Need one person to be in charge of parking
  - Keep August 1 deadline for vendors
  - Advertise in other publications as well as Brunswick Beacon, Our State, church bulletins
  - For non-profits, add request to let volunteers know the information in the letter we send.
  - Try sending the letter to non-profits earlier, perhaps in January? Also consider contacting vendors at that time.
  - Consider having additional electric lines put in since several vendors wanted power.
  - Fossil dig and pumpkin painting were very popular. Add more activities for children.
  - Look into giving volunteers a baseball cap to recognize them and also to help identify them as volunteers.
  - Do we need to have door prizes? Decreased interest, economic problems etc.
2. The committee agreed to make a donation of \$300 to the West Brunswick music program that performed.

3. Jean suggested a thank you to the town staff. The funds will not be from the account, but will be contributed by committee members.