

Sunset at Sunset
June 1, 2011

Present: Marci Berry, Jean Hutchinson, Karen Dombrowski, Bev Williams, Karen Joseph, Ann Bokelman

Guests: Bob Bobinski, Carol Scott

1. Marci Berry introduced the purpose of the meeting. Comments at the budget meeting and subsequent coverage in the Beacon caused the committee to have concerns about support from council members.
2. Jean Hutchinson stated that this is the best committee she has ever worked with and that Sunset Beach was certainly fortunate to have such an outstanding group.
3. Carol Scott had concerns re:

Finances: That we were asked for a financial accounting about one year ago and some members were upset. Various members responded that this was not the case. Karen Joseph summarized the discussion a few years ago about the committee being independent from the town and that such a situation would require SAS to secure liability insurance and would undermine the original intention of SAS as designated by the Town Council.

Cancelled checks and Minutes: We do not have cancelled checks, but only receive a bank statement. Marci noted that the only time SAS was asked to provide additional financial information it did so in a timely manner. Marci also stated that since 2008 SAS has worked directly with the Town Finance Director and provided a complete accounting of SAS funds, revenues, and expenditures. Minutes have been kept since the onset of the event and are on the Town website.

Lunch: Someone asked if the Town paid for our lunches. This has never been the case. In addition, the lunches put on to thank Town employees were paid for by committee members, not the Town or SAS funds. Bob Bobinski expressed surprise and stated he felt committee members should not be paying for the Town thank you lunch. Committee members all stated that this was their personal decision.

Birthday Cake: Carol Scott expressed her concern that a cake was given to Dinah Gore at the Bridge Dedication Reception. Karen Joseph responded regarding communication from Wilson Sherrill about this issue.

Carol Scott stated that in the future she would come directly to the committee with concerns she had. She stated that she had high regard for the committee and its work. Bob Bobinski agreed.

General discussion about the festival ensued including vendors, food and entertainment.