

Town of St. Germain

Independence Day Committee, Meeting Minutes via Zoom

February 2, 2021

1. **Call to order:** By Cookie Lough at 5:30 pm
2. **Meeting posting verification:** Posted by January 27, 2021
3. **Roll call, confirm quorum:** Ted Ritter/Jim Swenson, Jeff Sauer, June Vogel and Cookie Lough and 8 community members. Julaine Nampel is absent.
4. **Public comments:** None
5. **Approve minutes of January 20, 2021.** Motion made by Vogel to approve minutes of January 20, 2021 as presented, second by Sauer. Discussion none. By roll call vote: Vogel – yes, Sauer – yes, Swenson – yes, Lough – yes.
6. **Review the new Independence Day Celebration Committee page on town website.** Added notification of nonvoting advisory St Germain clubs and organizations.
7. **Review information received on insurance issues.** Ted met with town's insurance agent. Events of Independence Day were all reviewed and they discussed the insurance needs. Ted reviewed these. Discussion on obtaining certificate of insurance where appropriate per town's insurance agent. Insurance document will have to be updated on an annual basis.
8. **Review craft show data including selection organizations interested in sponsoring this event.** We will be receiving the \$1200.00 and it will be put in town's account, this is the carryover proceeds from Independence Day and Christmas Bazaar. How should this be used? After event Lois would determine how much was donated and how much was carried over to the next year to help with expenses. Discussion on how to handle the \$1200. Discussion on whether to split among Independence day and Christmas Bazaar for advertising and start up or go back to youth. When these events started, there was no seed money. Motion by Vogel that the \$1200.00 which was profit from Independence Day craft show and Christmas Bazaar be given to St Germain youth organizations, determined at a later date; second Sauer. Discussion none. By roll call vote: Swenson – yes, Sauer – yes, Vogel – yes, Lough – yes.

ATV Club and Women's Service Club have shown interest in sponsoring the craft show. ATV club is looking at this event as a long term commitment. They have not done craft shows but have organized events. They have talked with Lois and think it will be a smooth transition. Women's Service Club looking for fundraiser as a long term commitment. They have organized events. Profits would be donated. Both clubs were

thanked for coming forward. Motion by Sauer to table until February 10th meeting for more discussion, potential of additional events and selection of sponsor; second Vogel. Discussion: none. By roll call vote: Sauer – yes, Swenson – yes, Vogel – yes, Lough – yes.

9. **Ideas for other on-site entertainment options i.e. car show, face painting, pictures with cartoon characters for kids, petting zoo, dealers to display late model trucks and cars, etc.** To be discussed February 10, 2021.

10. **Discussion of actions to improve parade/public safety.** As part of application in receiving above mentioned funds stipulate that youth organization(s) give back to community and help provide a safety line on parade route. Can address with high school groups (athletic teams, national honor society) to be safety line as volunteer for community service. Jeff will pursue this further.

11. **Develop a time-oriented to-do list for the 2021 event, identify duties/responsibility for participating organizations.** Theme, grand marshal, parade registration, newspapers/websites, food/entertainment, contracts, publicity, live remote, music, FD water fights, etc bring to next meeting what else needs to be discussed with dates in mind. Jim to reach out to FD for contact individual and potential plans.

12. **Committee member concerns and items for future agenda.** Develop time-oriented to-do list.

13. **Confirm next monthly meeting date of March 2, 2021. Next meeting February 10, 2021.**

14. Motion by Sauer to adjourn the meeting; second Swenson. Discussion none. By roll call vote: Swenson – yes, Sauer – yes, Vogel – yes, Lough – yes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm