

Town of St. Germain
Independence Day Committee, Meeting Minutes via Zoom
July 6, 2021

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Cookie Lough at 5:31 pm
2. **Meeting posting verification:** Meeting agenda was posted July 5, 2021
3. **Roll Call – confirm quorum.** Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson, Jeff Sauer, Cookie Lough, June Vogel and 4 community members in room 5 of Community Center and 1 community members via zoom. Julaine Nampel was absent.
4. **Public Comments**
5. **Approve minutes of June 1, 2021 and June 22, 2021** Motion by Sauer to accept June 1, 2021 minutes as presented; second Sauer. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor. Motion by Sauer to approve minutes with minor changes as discussed; second Ritter. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
6. **Review Committee page on town website** 2021 events on website have been taken down. Send pictures to Ted from 2021 event.
7. **Review budget for event held on June 27, 2021** Review of budget. Outstanding bills WRJO \$500.00, Northwoods Portable Potty and Republic Waste. Jim will bring up with town board if committee can make donation to Vilas County canine.
8. **What changes, if any, are needed for 2022 event:**
 - a. **Craft show** Had 49 vendors. Had a lot of positive feedback. Women’s Service club had to rake and clean out pavilion. Things to look at for next year - Trim trees of low laying branches for vendors, better lighting (LED light bulbs) under pavilion for vendors, raking, clean pavilion, ant control, more garbage cans (and bags), WIFI for vendors.
 - b. **Traffic control** Detour signs worked well. Look into a banner going into Walker’s saying parade participants line up to avoid chaos on the Hwy J. Ideally need 5 bodies with radio communication for next year. Potential to do all staging at Walker’s and move down J in appropriate order.
 - c. **Parade walkers (both safety and collection)** Need more parade walkers for safety of kids in the road. ATV/UTV started about 15 minutes before the parade.
 - d. **Parade** The school band did not have a banner letting everyone know who they were. Re-evaluate trophies as there are not many floats in the parade, more business with their trucks/equipment. Have Larry promote day’s events and sponsors but do not play music once parade gets to where he is.
 - e. **Events** Kudos to Joanne. Greeters were helpful. Vendors commented Joanne was easy to work with, they knew what was going on. Thank yous are being sent out. Questioned about ATM at event. Does flea market have one? Positive feedback on all vendors and free games for the kids. For the fishing demonstration have handouts without hooks.
 - f. **Call from leader of the American Legion Veterans’ on Harleys** Leader apologized for behavior of one member.
 - g. **Fireworks** Will present to town board for next contract, believe this was year 3 of a 3 year contract.

h. Comments re: food sales and ice cream wagon Lion's club did quite well. Made enough to cover day's events plus more. Prime Timer's did well with ice cream. They ran out of glow sticks. Followup on Monday morning, not all garbage was picked up off ground and pavilion was not blown out. Bathrooms were clean.

9. The role of the Chamber in 2022 event July 3, 2022

10. Committee structure revision Discussion on adding another committee member vs chamber as voting. Motion by Ritter that the committee structure be changed for 2022; chamber act as a nonvoting advisory member and a second citizen volunteer of Joanne DeWig; second Vogel. Discussion: Will go to town board. By voice vote; all in favor.

11. Selection of next meeting date: October 5, 2021 at 5:30

12. Agenda items October 5, 2021 meeting Will include budget discussion Theme – would like easier to build off of than 2021.

13. Adjourn 7:05 pm