

**Town of St. Germain
Independence Day Committee, Meeting Minutes via Zoom
February 7, 2023**

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Cookie Lough at 4:30 pm
2. **Meeting posting verification:** Meeting agenda was posted by February 5, 2023
3. **Roll Call – confirm quorum.** Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson, Jeff Sauer, Cookie Lough, Joanne DeWig and June Vogel are in room 4 of Community Center.
4. **Public Comments** None.
5. **Approve minutes of January 3, 2022** Motion by Sauer to approve minutes as presented; second DeWig. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
6. **Review committee page on town website** Reviewed.
7. **Review any approved expenses incurred from previous board meeting.** Motion by Ritter to purchase cones from Jeff Sauer for \$385.00; second by DeWig for \$385.00. Discussion: June to talk to DPW about labeling and storage. By voice vote; all in favor.
8. **Update on the possibility of polka contest from consultants Gordy and Pat Roland.** The consultants do not want to participate in this. Will look at getting consultants for future participation. Polka contest will not happen in 2023.
9. **Review 2023 assignment list.** Assignments reviewed and on task with appropriate deadlines.
10. **Identify proposed events (Joanne): update and committee approval on events planned for celebration; change/add as necessary**

- a. **Status grand marshal entries, theme for 2023, review parade entry form, report of conversation with FD**

Grand Marshal forms were emailed to clubs and committees, it is on the website and was sent out as Constant Contact. Currently have received two submissions.

Reviewed subthemes to follow main theme of America's Small Town Celebration. Motion by Cookie to have Proud to be an American for 2023 as subtheme; second Sauer. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.

Cookie spoke with St Germain Fire Chief. The fire department will not to be part of this event, will do something at the fire house on their own.

Harley group will lead the parade; this is scheduled.

Day of events: Joanne is having discussions with - Juggler, petting zoo, polka band, wagon rides, balloon twisting, Einstein project, Smokey Bear and fire fighting equipment, fishing demo, Trees for Tomorrow, chain carving, loon watch, Amanda and canine, Watersmeet Lake Guards, Plum Lake Fire Department, BoBoen, National Guard and Northwoods Children's Museum.

- b. Status negotiations for Old Pine Rd Band** Have not heard back from David Walters. Ken will begin looking at other bands.
- c. Safety cone approval for purchase** See item 7
- d. Status of entries for craft show** Currently 19 vendors including 2 face painters
- e. Status of entries for 5K** Progressing along.

11. Questions or concerns from committee members.

- a. Chamber's selection of volunteer of year (criteria)** Chamber not at meeting to discuss.
- b. Question to chamber if they would consider being an active nonvoting member of the committee** Chamber would like to participate in the planning.

12. Agenda items for March 7, 2023 meeting. Nothing new to add. April meeting changed to April 6, 2023.

13. Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.