

**Macalester-Groveland Community Council**  
**COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 – 7:00 PM

Edgcumbe Rec Center

**Committee Members In Attendance:** Jack Fei, Joyce Krech, Mary Davis, Susan Crumb, Patty Hartmann, Afton Martens (staff).

**Groveland Night Out**

Committee discussed potential for a magician to perform at the event and decided that a 45-minute length performance, along with numerous other activities taking place simultaneously, that Groveland Night Out was not the appropriate venue for such a performance. The committee also decided that, given the current budget situation, the council would be unable to provide funding for such an activity. Staff will contact magician.

Committee liked Mad Science at last year's event – staff will discuss with Parks & Rec.

Members inquired as to how many Parks & Rec staff will be available at the event to help run the movie, monitor the jump castle, etc. It was agreed that the event should not include a climbing tower this year. Committee also expressed interest in selling popcorn if Parks & Rec has a machine available; staff will check with Parks & Rec.

Staff will approach KidsPark about providing arts and crafts and face painting at the event.

**Block Leader Event Feedback**

Committee feedback was very enthusiastic regarding the name change to "Neighbor Rep". It was suggested that, in order to stay within the allotted time, ground rules should be set at the beginning of future meetings, asking that all attending be respectful of time and staying on the agenda.

**Next Neighbor Rep Event**

Topic for next event: Meet your grid rep & garbage hauler consolidation, June 16<sup>th</sup>, in lieu of regularly scheduled meeting, 6:30 – 8:00pm. Have refreshments: salty and sweet, no hot drinks. Board members' tags, maps to find your grid, door prizes for "most neighbor reps in a grid", advertise new name on gold star pins: "Neighbor Rep" (get buttons at Party America). Staff will announce the event at the next board meeting, in News for the Neighborhood, and email notices. Staff will ask Grid Reps to phone Neighbor Reps before the meeting to encourage a high turnout, with door prizes as an incentive. Committee will continue discussion on which members will volunteer to bring refreshments via email.

### **Battle of the Bands Update**

Staff will work with Susan Crumb, committee chair, to allot prizes to winning bands. Battle of the Bands Listening Party will take place at noon on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Patty Hartmann has volunteered to host, with a fun theme of Mexican food. Staff will email the board and announce at the next board meeting to solicit volunteers. Committee approved the use of judging criteria used in the past.

Susan will talk to her daughter and friends to see if any teens are interested in emceeding the event.

### **Crime Updates Policy**

Meeting ran out of time, so committee agreed to move to next available meeting. Staff will provide appropriate materials to committee members in preparation of the next meeting and to allow enough time to discuss the issue.

### **Judges Forum**

Members were unable to volunteer at the event. Staff will send forum informational flyer to members, crime update email list, and Neighbor Reps email list.

### **National Night Out**

Tabled to next meeting for lack of time.

*The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00PM at Edgcumbe Rec Center*