

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

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 – 7:00 PM

Edgcumbe Rec Center

**Committee Members In Attendance:** Mary Davis, Susan Crumb, Patricia Hartmann, Rebecca Skally, Afton Martens (staff).

**Groveland Night Out Update**

All in attendance agreed on the movie Madagascar 2 for the event.

Are any of the Kidspark teachers available to provide face painting, like they have in years past? Otherwise, approach college students (elementary ed., preferably) and/or area businesses (i.e. Art Scraps) to come do games and face painting with children. Afton will contact Darcy Rivers to confirm whether there is a fee for the jump castle, since that is a popular feature of the event.

**Next Block Leader Event**

Date set: Tuesday, March 24. Rebecca has constructed a block leader information board that illustrates the duties of a block leader; these boards will be very useful at the next block leader event. Advertise to block leaders and interested residents: come with ideas, questions, and “hot topic” issues. Play ice breaker games, such as a “get to know each other” bingo game with the following topics (12 are needed) under the theme “Macalester-Groveland Residents”. Find someone who...lives on a street, lives on an avenue, has a turtle collection, rides a bike to work, has lived in another state...etc. Committee members will add to the list before the date.

Advertise snacks and secure specific snacks and refreshments at the next COC meeting: chips and salsa, coffee, and apple cider. Afton will check with Edgcumbe staff whether we can use their coffee urn.

The Committee is in consensus on including the St. Paul Fire Department at the fall block leader event.

**Frost Fest Follow-Up**

Suggestions for next year: change time to 2-4:00pm; change date to February 6<sup>th</sup>; invite a Scout troop to build a bonfire (check with St. Paul Parks and Rec. on this); get donations of chocolate, graham crackers, and marshmallows for residents to make s'mores; advertise to residents to bring their own sticks for s'mores; provide hot apple cider; bring in wooden benches for residents; create certificates for snowman contest entrants.

**Community Outreach Committee Chair**

We are happy to have Susan continue to serve as the Community Outreach Committee Chair.

*The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00PM at Edgcumbe Rec Center*