

**Mayfield Village Activities Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 6:45 p.m.**  
**Civic Center**

**MINUTES**

**Attending:** Mary Ann Brastoff, Jean Britton, Steve Jerome, Patsy Mills, George Phillips, Phil Stella, Sean Supler, Bill Thomas, Debbie Thomas and Danielle Echt.

**Introduction:** Mary Ann called the meeting to order at approximately 6:50 p.m. Patsy nominated Mary Ann as chairperson and Debbie seconded. All members agreed. Mary Ann made a motion to approve the November 1, 2011 Minutes as written. All committee members agreed.

**Tree Lighting Recap**

- Patsy reported that it was a good crowd and the weather was decent. She said that the Center School choir participated again and everything went well.

**Singing Angels**

- Danielle said that there were less than twenty tickets to sell at the door that night and the concert did sell out.
- Danielle reported that \$509 was donated to the Singing Angels Scholarship Fund. This was the amount the Village collected after the expenses were accounted for.
- Danielle said there were several issues this year:
  - Holding tickets at the box office that were not paid for. The person had a large amount of tickets reserved and when she arrived, she paid for part of them and said the rest of her group were paying for their own. Danielle had to tell other people that we were sold out yet had to collect money from the people with the reserved tickets.
  - Holding tickets at the box office that were paid for. One person from the group would pickup a few tickets and ask Danielle or Edie to hold on to the rest until the other members of their group arrived. It was difficult to keep track of.
  - Danielle isn't exactly sure how it happened but there were a few people who had tickets that did not have a seat. She suspects that some of the Angels' parents were in the theatre before the doors opened to the public. Danielle asked the committee whose responsibility it should be to make sure Reserve Hall is clear before opening the door, someone from the Singing Angels or someone from Mayfield Village. The committee members agreed that it should be something the Singing Angels handle so Danielle will touch base with them before the December concert.
  - Danielle said the only other issue was that the event sold out and parents wanted to stay in the hall and listen. Danielle said Sean was there briefly so he helped set up some chairs but she didn't know if she should charge the people because basically they saw the show because we opened up the doors. One of the committee members suggested setting up chairs along the back wall of the theatre. There was concern if that would be a fire safety issue. Sean also added that they are not folding chairs, they are the bigger square chairs. The committee members decided that the issue of the chairs and charging for anyone outside the theater would be addressed at a later meeting before the December concert.
- The committee agreed that all tickets would have to be paid for in advance and that the first person from the group to pick up their pre-paid tickets at the door would then be in charge of distributing to everyone else in their party.
- Danielle also said that a few more volunteers might be helpful because it was difficult to pass out the tickets at the box office and collect tickets when the doors open and pass out programs.
- Bill said that he spoke with Charles Eversole from the Angels and they are scheduled to perform in the Village on Saturday, December 15, 2012.

## **Menorah Lighting Ceremony**

- Patsy said this was another event well attended with everything set up and ready to go.
- Mary Ann asked if Michael Wolfe coordinated it and Patsy said no, she and Bill did. Danielle said that Michael had to go out of town unexpectedly.
- Bill said that he made a mistake because he forgot to ask people in attendance if they wanted to take turns lighting the candle for the duration of the holiday. The candles did not get lit after the ceremony. Patsy said that she thought the Service Department was supposed to handle it. Bill said that Michael emailed him about it and he forgot during the ceremony but next year he will be better prepared. Danielle said that Michael started asking for volunteers to light the candles a few years ago. She said that in the future, if that doesn't happen, someone from the Village (Recreation or Service Department) can handle it.
- Patsy said that the candles would not light that night so they lit the ones that were in the Community Room on display. Danielle said the outdoor Menorah was checked in the morning and after office hours and they worked then. She said that a few years ago the Service Department reconstructed the Menorah to try to keep water out and she didn't know what else they could do but she would mention it to Jim.

## **Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast**

- The committee members agreed to keep the prices the same as this year. Steve asked if mothers eat free. The committee members said no. Patsy said they get a picture plus there is Swifty the Clown, the harpist and all you can eat pancakes.
- Phil said that it is difficult to hear the harpist when she is in the back of the room. Danielle said that in the Minutes after last year's breakfast, the committee agreed that they could hear the music just fine around the building. Sean and Danielle said that last year they were at the front of the building and they didn't have a problem hearing it.
- Danielle said that she would circulate the volunteer list next month. Patsy said it takes a lot of volunteers and a lot of work by the Service Department. She said they do a great job. Debbie said the Garden Club also sells plants and baskets and Patsy added the club sets up the display for the pictures with Mom.
- Phil said the pictures are an expense. Patsy said the new camera is great and we use it for the recreation parties too.
- Sean suggested that parking might be an issue because of the new design and parking lot at Wiley Park. Patsy said that the three handicap signs can be covered by the pavilion so people can park there. Steve asked if people could park by the service garage and the committee members said they already do. Patsy suggested Ken Mott from the police department to direct cars. It was suggested to have people park by the police department and maybe the police cars could be parked in front of the garages. Danielle asked if cars could park at Whitehaven. Patsy said maybe volunteers can park there. Danielle said an officer would probably be needed to safely get people across the street. Patsy suggested parking at Skoda Minotti and then people could take the path. The committee agreed that it would probably be best to have volunteers park there and walk. Bill said he would check with the police department to see what would be best.
- Danielle said she would probably start circulating the volunteer list in late February and she will also bring it to the next meeting.

## **Cruise Night**

- Bill said that he has secured two bands; Ricky and the Rockets at Yours Truly and Eddie & the Edsels at Austin's.
- The committee discussed the possibility of approaching other merchants to contribute. Steve asked if Fisher's contributes. Bill said they have been asked but they decline. The committee suggested trying Pizzazz again to see if they want to participate. If they want to move their booth to another area, it may be possible. Sean reminded Bill that electricity might be an issue plus they have used our kitchen/refrigerators in the past also. Phil said the merchants who are not at the intersection won't get much out of it probably other than good will but it can't hurt to ask. Danielle suggested being more general when soliciting donations; maybe it doesn't have to say that the money will go towards the band. Bill said we could do a program with ads. Danielle asked what would be in the program because really it's just a small map that

we pass out. Bill said he would like to do an actual program, like he did for the Orange Jubilee, and have a professional company print it. Phil said to make sure the smaller merchants are asked too; maybe they don't want to sell anything but maybe they want their name out there. Phil suggested putting the donating companies names on the t-shirt. Danielle said that whether a program is done or the t-shirt is expanded upon, it is an additional cost. The committee agreed that adding merchants to the shirt would be a good idea. Bill will ask Mayor Rinker for his thoughts on it.

- Mary Ann said that Tommy V's doesn't make money but they still participate. Bill said it's the publicity. Steve said they give stuff away.

#### **Fourth of July Celebration**

- Patsy said that Council approved the firework contract from Zambelli. This is the third year of the Village's commitment to them so Bill suggests going to bid for 2013. He said that safety is the number one concern so electronic firing would be preferred. Steve said that at the last Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, the chiefs said they like Zambelli for that reason.
- Bill said he would work with Billy J to provide some entertainment and the music at the gazebo.
- The committee agreed to offer bingo again as long as Chris and Elliott wanted to coordinate it again. It was suggested to market it more and Danielle said she wasn't sure if that was a good idea because the room is usually full so it might not be a good idea to add more participants. The committee members agreed that people know about it and it's probably word of mouth.

#### **Summer Concerts**

- Bill reported that the bands were booked:
  - July 12-Joe Mayer Orchestra
  - July 26-Swing Era Band
  - August 9-Blue Lunch Band (Friends of the Library host with their ice cream social.)
  - August 23-The Nick Puin Band
- Danielle said a volunteer sign up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

#### **Open Discussion**

- Bill said it was a great discussion tonight with a lot of good suggestions. Phil said thank you to the new members for volunteering their time.
- Jean said that Urban Growers will be the company providing the hanging baskets this year and they will be delivered by Memorial Weekend. Patsy added that the hayracks will be hung at the gazebo again. The Garden Club hopes to landscape the area by the gazebo if the budget allows it.
- Patsy reported that Shred Day will be Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. – Noon at the Civic Center.
- The meeting concluded at 7:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 6:45 p.m., Civic Center  
(Note: date change)**

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle M. Echt,  
Assistant Recreation Director