
Access For All – Mahwah Minutes

February 3, 2020

Opening 7:05 p.m.

Attendees: Members

Township Appointees & Liaisons

Member	Attended	Absent		Member	Attended	Absent
Johanna Baccan	X			Denise Shabet, CERT	X	
Sue Straffin		X		Michelle Paz, Councilperson	X	
Gary Glucoft	X			John Dinice, Board of Ed	X	
Mike Kelly	X					
Don Minassian	X					
Meg Minassian	X					
Katie Ross		X				
Christine Ervin	X					
Kathryn Bell	X					
Maryann Mauro	X					
John Ryan	X					
Jessica LoPiccolo	X					

1. Salute to the Flag
2. Roll Call of Commission Members.
3. Approval of Jan 13 meeting minutes
4. Johanna, Chairwoman-
 - Johanna represented Mahwah Access for All at Jim’s retirement party and gave him an \$100 gift certificate to the River Palm in Mahwah. She also met acting director of Human Services Melissa.
 - Vendor Update:
 - Party Fair: application is pending approval per Jessica
 - Oriental Trading, Michael’s, Five Below, Chocolates with Love: Johanna is getting in touch with corporate and will call the owner of Chocolates with Love
 - St. Patrick’s Day event: Christine and John created a spreadsheet of items to be purchased for the event from Oriental Trading which totaled \$402.00 for supplies.
 - Shop Rite food: 200.00
 - John is going to get in touch with Scott Rubin about the price for him to DJ. He quoted John a price for \$500.00 for 3 hours, however, Scott charged us 300 for the bingo event. John will see why the higher price or if it was a mistake. The photo booth is 200.00.
 - John will ask Scott is the guests take home an actual picture and to make sure it’s not something you have to hook up to your cell phone.
 - John confirmed Irish dancer girls are coming to the event.

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5. Denise, Treasurer-
 - Sue is being approved as a vendor
 - Thank you cards have been ordered
 - Missing old \$500 donation, Denise is looking for it as may have went into wrong account
 - CERT wants to be more engaged with disability community (have a fair-join Hillsdale open house). Mahwah could set up our booth. Need expert at event.

6. Gary, Secretary-
 - Test Shared Hotmail Calendar to track events and key dates. – Test with Christine and John

7. Art Event- Feb 23
 - Shoprite – Mike can pick up and Gary or Christine can be the backup
 - Setup at 10am- use tent and picture frame
 - Mini muffins, cookie plate, water, donuts, pastries, coffee cups, juice, creamer, sugar, napkins, plates, and Jessica to bring coffee container
 - Arbor setup for photo booth,
 - 4-5 Prizes, Raffle
 - Gary to ask for volunteers from Stacy Mandel
 - Once art project arrives, Maryann and Johanna to test it so they can get experience before event to give guidance
 - Jessica will test round table questions- speed friendship at event

8. Glen from RIFE gave an update on Ramsey events via phone
 - Feb 28-29- Winter Dance
 - End of March- Karaoke
 - Early April- movie and art event 4/24 (make picture, painting, glue for one-hour lead by art instructor)
 - May-no plan yet
 - June- softball event vs Mahwah All Stars and high school gala
 - July- Rockland boulders (Mahwah can join if we want)
 - Aug- Pool party
 - Sept -art night
 - Oct – Halloween event
 - Nov -Karaoke
 - Dec- movie
 - Glen advised if we need any help to fund events, let him know since we invite Ramsey group. RIFE is a 501C group and get tax write off donations.

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- Glen will call Michelle about information on a grant from the state. He has received a \$500.00 grant every year so far.

Glen shared dates for Fairlawn group as well

- 2/7 Valentine event
- 3/6 St Patty's dance
- 5/15 Spring gala
- 7/10 Beach party
- 9/11 Tribute to heroes
- 10/9 Fall festival
- 12/4 Holiday party

9. Tabling of Access for All video to later date

10. Movie Event: Either beginning or end of April at the Lafayette theater in Suffern. Jessica got quoted: 50 people, \$650.00 which includes popcorn and a drink. Jessica said they will work with us and are negotiable.

11. Members Choice Event in May: John will put out a post after the 2/23rd event as what members would like to do for the event. From the poll John said members like bowling, bingo and a dance.

- a. How to get more kids to come to our events and make them aware.
- b. John from the Board of Education is going to send the superintendent of Mahwah our 2/23rd Craft Event Flyer for approval of an email blast to the schools. John Ryan is going to email him the flyer.

Meeting adjourned: 8:48pm

Next Meeting: Mar 2, 2020