

HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Hanover Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Boghosian, Dean Lacy, Tom Lyons, Amy Vienna, Darlene Branche

Members Absent: Jeff Graham, Dave Parsons

Staff Present: Hank Tenney, Liz Burdette

MEETING NOTES

1. Approval of September 2011 Minutes

2. **Public Input**

Five Hanover High School students from Martha Lorden's Civitas class were present to observe the meeting.

3. **Pig & Wolf Auction - Update**

The Pig & Wolf Auction was held on September 25, 2011 at the Top of the Hop, Hopkins Center. The fundraising event was a huge success for the Town of Hanover and raised over \$40,000. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Parks and Recreation Thomson Terrace Playground and Etna Rink projects. The auction was the final event commemorating Hanover's 250th anniversary.

4. **Parks & Recreation Yard Sale – Update**

The Hanover Parks & Recreation Department held an indoor yard sale on October 15, 2011 benefiting both the Thompson Terrace Playground and The Haven. The event's final figures are tallied and the total raised was \$1,360.

5. **Fall Review**

The weather hasn't been too much of an issue this fall season with all the rain.

Friends of Hanover Football arranged to have all the Hanover Recreation youth football players and coaches introduced on the field during halftime at Hanover High School's home game on October 14, 2011.

Basketball sign ups are coming in slowly but will pick up.

Evaluation forms will go out at the end of this season.

6. **Thompson Terrace Playground Report**

The Thompson Terrace Playground Committee will be taking requests for proposals over the winter for the playground project that will start in the spring of 2012.

7. **DACC Report** – no report

8. **Reports from Directors**

Director, Hank Tenney

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The Parks and Recreation Board will make committee assignments at next month's meeting.

Hank presented the Recreation Board with a letter from Robin Nuse, the artist who created the critter "When Pigs Fly" for the Pig & Wolf Auction. Robin sent a letter to Julia Griffin, Town Manager, requesting that the Recreation Board allocate some of the money raised at the auction to the support of the Hanover Baseball Association. After discussion, the board voted to spend the funds as planned.

Hank will be meeting with the Facilities Committee on October 19, 2011 to discuss the Etna Rink project.

Assistant Director, Liz Burdette

The Halloween Middle School Dance is scheduled for October 21st at the Richmond Middle School. Chaperones are needed, please contact Liz if interested.

Friday, October 28th the Parks and Recreation will host a Halloween Celebration at the RW Black Center. There will a costume party for preschoolers and kindergartners, a costume parade for kindergartners through grade 5, and a Halloween dinner with activities for all ages.

The 19th Annual Hanover Turkey Trot 10 K is scheduled for Sunday, November 20th, and the 2nd Annual Mini Turkey Trot will be held for little kids. Volunteers are needed!

KAST Program Director, Nicole Leonard

Written report submitted by Nicole

Advisory Board Resumes:

Our first Advisory Board meeting for KAST will be held on Friday, October 28th.

Staff:

Our Dartmouth Work study students have arrived on campus and have settled into their positions at KAST. The majority of DC staff works with both the younger and older students, and are forming "club" choices for students. The clubs that will begin this week are: origami, cooking, yoga, dance and inventors.

I held our first staff in-service of the school year on Friday, October 14th (school was closed due to a teacher in-service day). We played many games that could fill transition times at KAST and discussed games that require thinking versus just physical ability to include some students who aren't interested in the typical games requiring a lot of movement.

Other fun choices at KAST:

Denise Reitsma from Howe Library is coming once a month to KAST Explorers to read to our younger students and Mary, the Teen librarian, is working with me to set up a "book club" at Adventurers for our older students.

Bonna Wieler, program specialist, and Jennifer Manwell have been working with students on Fiber Arts for the past three weeks. Students are carding, spinning and making pieces on the loom. Each student who has wanted to has made a piece for him/herself and now they are working on a larger piece that will be displayed at the Recreation Center on the KAST bulletin board.

Facility Manager, Sherry Colfer

Written report submitted by Sherry

1) Our fall activities are in full gear. We held our Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday and brought in \$1260. Hank and I could have never pulled it off without the exceptional assistance of Jeanne Vieten and Senior Coordinator Gail Schaal. Both worked extremely hard helping me sort, arrange and rearrange, and then price all the merchandise. We fortunately had John Wilmot to lug and set up everything and the assistance of 3 senior ladies, Connie, Beverly and Mary on Saturday to help us out. We were nervous for a while because we had received some bulk, heavy and large items but sold them all... \$460 to one customer! Half of the proceeds will go to The Haven for distribution to Vermont flood families in need.

Halloween planning is up and running with our new format of a costume parade, family dinner and Halloween Mystery Tour, based on a CSI/Clue-like theme. I'm very fortunate to have two eager, idea filled helpers on the decorating team... Jennie Harriman and Kristina Cole. Should be lots of fun!

2) At the end of this week my focus will turn to the Winter Brochure hoping to continue with some great programs.

3) To-date we have collected reservation revenue totaling \$22,767 for the fiscal year 2012 towards our budget goal of \$57,000. ILEAD and Middle Eastern Dancing have made up a good portion of that total with both programs going strong.

9. New Business

Nicole Leonard, KAST Program Director, asked the board their advice about a lice policy for KAST. The Recreation Board will research and report on a policy for KAST as well as Hanover Parks & Recreation sports and camps.

10. Future Agenda Items

Recreation Board Committee Assignments

Lice Policy

Next Meeting – November 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.