

December Community Affairs Meeting

Members in attendance – Kara McCormick, Lisa Hodge, Suzi Cieslica, Rebecca Mihopoulos, Amy Rogers, Pam Markey and Jessica Hey

I. Minutes

Reviewed and approved.

II. Financial Report

Ending Balance is \$8,906. Donations from the Cultural Council, Avidia, and Anthony Joseph Real Estate were received for the Tree Lighting.

We will donate \$50 to the Zeh School Music Program for coming to sing at Tree Lighting.

III. New Members Needed

We need 1 new member now. We will need two in the near future.

IV. New Logo

We have agreed on a new logo and are waiting for the official redesign. We will revisit in January.

V. Tree Lighting Recap

The tree lighting was a big success. We had our biggest crowd to date.

The group felt that the two tables for hot chocolate and pizza helped the lines and the flow of the event. Having the high schoolers hand out candy canes and bells also helped disperse the crowd.

We will add additional donation boxes at all tables as many people asked if they could donate. We collected \$295 for the Northborough Food Pantry.

This was the third year of the three year contract with Worcester Sound and Light. We will need to revisit this next year.

For next year, Lisa talked to DPW about getting a better way to light the tree since lighting using the switch on the fuse box can be cumbersome. DPW is looking into a better way to light it. The group also discussed the potential of lighting the other nearby pine tree.

We ran out of hot cocoa this year, relatively early. This year, we had 15 boxes of hot chocolate. Next year, we should consider 17 boxes of hot chocolate given the additional need. Next year, we should buy or request 4 oz. cups with lids as this was the preferred size. This year we had 20 boxes of cookies and had leftovers. Next year we will do 15.

VI. Town Clean-Up

This year town clean-up will be 4/27/19. We will do a breakfast in the morning with Chik Filet, coffee, water, muffins, and donut holes.

Last year, Dunkin Donuts donated coffee. Lisa will write a letter to BJs to request a donation. Rebecca will write a letter to Wegmans for a donation. Suzi will request coffee from Dunkin Donuts.

Lisa emailed the Northborough Womens Club to see if they would be providing bags and gloves as they have in years past.

VII. Next Meeting – January 16, 2019

For January 2019 meeting, we will select the bands. We have already selected the dates. We will do 5 concerts this year in lieu of a movie.