

Minutes: March 7, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Ashley Rambo, Joanna Rambo, Nicky Ordonez, Michelle Medina, Candice Byers, Sancu Kennedy, J'Cee Winchester, Erica Landriault, Heather Mendez, Francis Heckler, Casara Holcombe, Connie Bushong

TREASURER'S REPORT: **\$23,238.34** as of 2/29/2024

Motion made by Candice and seconded by Erica to approve the previous minutes from February 1, 2024 and February 26, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

RECYCLED MATERIALS ART CONTEST:

- Motion made by Erica and seconded by Candice to have a recycled art contest for the Sweeny Christian School with the following details below:
 - Open to all SCS students, grades K-5; each classroom is allowed 1 entry
 - Submissions must be comprised of fully recycled/reused materials
 - Entry deadline will be April 30th. Contest date May 1st.
 - Winners will be announced at Pride Day, May 4th, 2024.
 - Prizes will be as follows
 - 1st place: \$200 for classroom sponsored by Deliverance Painting
 - 2nd place: Classroom pizza party sponsored by Simple Simons
 - 3rd place: Classroom cupcake party sponsored by The Kennedy Family
- All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE LAPTOP:

- Sancu has brought up that it would be a good idea for the committee to look into purchasing a laptop or tablet. This would be beneficial to have all of our records in one place and backed up on a hard drive. This would also be good for members to have access to a laptop when needed to use for events.
- Motion made by Joanna and seconded by Sancu to research pricing of a laptop and look into finding a sponsor or finding room in the budget to purchase a laptop upon further research.
- All in favor. Motion carried.

PURCHASING OF 2 INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSES:

- Continuing discussion from meeting on February 26, 2024 to purchase two inflatables at \$1200/each. Concerns about insurance liabilities and storage were discussed.
- Motion made by Candice and seconded by J'Cee to purchase the inflatables
 - Erica, Candice, Sancu, J'Cee and Nicky vote in favor.
 - Joanna and Michelle vote opposed.
 - Motion Carried.

PRIDE DAY 2024:

- PAGEANT:
 - Chairperson: Jenny
 - Pageant will be held at the Community Center on April 13th
 - Crowns and trophies have been ordered
 - 3 Judges have been secured
 - Pageant committee will be conducting a Poppin Popcorn Fundraiser
 - Sponsors so far:
 - Harts Automotive - \$750 scholarship check
 - Sweeny Hospital – Goody bags for contestants
 - Dairy Mart – Judges gift basket or food
 - DJ H Entertainment - \$100 queen sponsorship
 - Schedule of Events
 - April 12th
 - 6pm - Contestants walkthrough
 - April 13th
 - 3pm - Tea interview
 - 5pm – Little Miss and Mister Pageant
 - 5:30pm – Junior Queen Pageant
 - 6pm – Queen Pageant
- 5K RUN:
 - Chairperson: Ashley R.
 - Motion made by Sancı and seconded by Erica to have this event as a glow run on Friday, May 3rd at 7:30pm (time dependent on if EDC will be sponsoring fireworks at 9pm) using the same route from Mardi Gras 2024.
 - Erica, Sancı, J’Cee, Joanna, Michelle and Nicky vote in favor.
 - Candice votes opposed; she does not believe the 5K events are profitable enough for time spent
 - Motion carried.
 - Motion made by Sancı and seconded by J’Cee to have entry fee set to \$5.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Pride Day 5K medals were found in storage that will be used for this event.
- PARADE:
 - Chairperson: Erica
 - Parade begins at 10 am; Starts at gazebo park and ends at Sweeny Elementary
 - Erica would like Beautification to have their own float in the parade
 - Motion made by J’Cee and seconded by Candice to use \$250 out of the \$500 5K budget to use for parade float decorations
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
- CHILDREN’S ENTERTAINMENT:
 - Chairperson: Ashley R
 - Phillips 66 is sponsoring a petting zoo for both Friday and Saturday
 - Friday 6-9pm
 - Saturday TBD (~3-6pm)

- Sweeny Lions Club will be providing their mini ferris wheel and train on Saturday. They will also be providing some sort of bounce houses/inflatables.
- Motion made by Erica and seconded by Candice to discuss children entertainment budget at next meeting.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
- VICE PRESIDENT RESIGNATION
 - Jenny Massey has submitted formal letter resigning from Vice President board position on March 2, 2024.
 - Motion made by Michelle and seconded by Joanna to accept Jenny's resignation as VP board member, still remaining a beautification member.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Motion made by Erica and seconded by J'Cee to nominate Sanci as VP until the end of term in September 2024.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Motion made by Candice and seconded by Joanna to accept the nomination of Sanci as VP as no other nominations were made.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
- BEAUTIFICATION BOOTH
 - Discussion of purchasing light up toys to sell Friday and Saturday night
 - No action taken.
- BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST:
 - Chairperson: Erica
 - Motion made by Sanci and seconded by J'Cee to move beautiful baby contest time from 1:15pm to 2:30 pm on Saturday.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
- ENTERTAINMENT:
 - Chairperson: Nicky
 - Nicky would like to be at the front pavilion
 - Discussion about where PA systems would be and where all other events under pavilions would take place.
 - Motion made by J'Cee and seconded by Candice to table further discussion of location of cake auction, beautiful baby contest, performances, bingo and vendors until next meeting.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
- VENDORS:
 - Chairperson: Candice
 - Forms are finished
 - Discussion for vendor pride decorating contest
 - Candice is requesting that no one accept vendor forms on her behalf. Please ask the vendor to contact Candice and give forms to her directly.
- BBQ COOKOFF:
 - Chairperson: Joanna
 - Motion made by Joanna and seconded by Sanci to make changes to forms and rules as follows:
 - Do away with same spots in cookoff and make spots available on a first come, first serve basis
 - Change setup time to begin at 7am, instead of 6am

- Amend the rules that vehicles have to be out of cookoff area by 4:30pm on Friday, instead of noon
- Amend the rules that no vehicle will be allowed into the cookoff area until after midnight Saturday night, instead of 6am Sunday
- Adding item that "Neither the city of Sweeny nor Sweeny Beautification is responsible for theft, damage, or injury sustained during the cook off. This is NOT a city sponsored event"
- Adding item that "No team will be allowed to sell food or beverages or solicit donations of any kind for such items"
- All in favor. Motion carried.
- WASHERS AND CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT:
 - Chairperson: Candice
 - Washers 7pm Friday
 - Cornhole 1pm Saturday
- PORT-A-CANS
 - Joanna will be in charge of getting all needed cans and hand wash stations for pride day and cookers
- PUBLICITY
 - Motion made by Candice and seconded by Joanna to place Erica and Joanna as the Co-chairs for publicity.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Banners, Entry sign and Newspaper ads will be looked into.
- LIGHT PLANT
 - In the past Michelle has been able to get light plants donated. For some reason an invoice was billed to the city from last year.
 - Michelle is going to look into this situation and working on resolving the issue to get 3 light plants donated for this year.

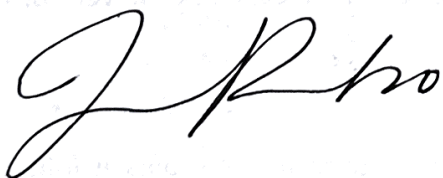
SPECIAL MEETING:

- Special meeting will be held on March 21, 2024 at 5:30pm at Sweeny Library

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 21, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,



Joanna Rambo, Secretary



Approved 4/4/24



Jean Winchester

W. P. ROURE



Michelle Medina

