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Durham Recreation committee  
7:00 pm Durham Activity Center  
November 16, 2016

Call to order:

Mary Ann Krenz called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Present: Sherry Hill, Sharon Criscuolo, Jillian Griffin, Rachael Geary and Becky Finnerty.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve by Sharon Criscuolo, Jillian Griffin second. All ayes

Approval of previous minutes:

Motion to approve Jillian Griffin. Sharon Criscuolo seconds the motion.

Public Comment:

None

Becky Finnerty will be resigning from the Recreation committee. This leaves a new position opened on the recreation committee.

Becky Finnerty, the youth basketball director, reports that the Rec desk is up and running. The registration for youth basketball is ongoing, still with the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. There are approximately 112 children registered now. This is shy of last year's numbers so far, but still two weeks away from the deadline. Flyers, Facebook posts and emails went out about registering for Youth Basketball, and the sign for the green will be put up this week.

All members of the recreation committee were in agreement that a family maximum for youth basketball should be put in place. \$165 will be the family maximum in order to make it affordable for families that have 3+ kids.

The holiday tree lighting will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm. The tree will be multicolor lights this year. There will be cookies, candy canes and hot chocolate.

Holiday programs for this year are the holiday tree lighting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm, and the Holiday Cupcake contest on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the Activity center. The gingerbread house decorating will also be going on at the activity center at that same time on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Rec desk is a great program. There are not many issues. There hasn't been negative feedback from anyone that has used it thus far.

We are still waiting to hear back about Korn School from the BOE. So as of now there are no updates.

Sherry Hill will be attending a Recreation Education conference at Mohegan Sun on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will be attending two different classes.

When looking at the upcoming year, some suggestions & thoughts for what to include in the budget would be more activities for younger children that are during the weekend. Many activities for younger children are during the day throughout the week, which many working parents can't attend and it would be nice to be able to have something on the weekends for everyone to be able to attend. Also, there should be more things for middle aged adults to go to. There is a great emphasis on seniors and children, yet not much for middle aged adults.

No old business.

In new business, there is an open position on the recreation committee. Also, Sharon Criscuolo suggested that Susan, a local guitar instructor, has been looking for a place to showcase her guitar students. Families and friends of this guitar student are able to come and view their friend/family member play in concert. The Durham Activity Center would be a good place to house these concerts.

Adjournment 8:05 pm