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## **Community and Civic Affairs Commission**

Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2013

### **In Attendance:**

Chairman Cindy Kabel, Secretary Barbara Bresnahan, Member April Waugh

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by motion of Barbara Bresnahan, seconded by April Waugh

### **Meeting Minutes:**

The Meeting Minutes from November 8, 2012 were reviewed and accepted

### **Old Business:**

Old business included discussion about the 2012 Winterfest. The commission went over who did or did not receive 'Thank You' cards. New ideas were introduced for next year's celebration, including holding a Little Miss Stafford essay & photo contest (the winner to ride on a float in the parade as Little Miss Stafford.) For 2013, the commission plans to resurrect their Table-Top Christmas Tree contest at Stafford Public Library, with promotional flyers in the upstairs room at Town Hall during Winterfest.

In September of 2012, Lisa Baxter in the Treasurer's Office received a letter from Stafford Savings Bank asking if the commission would like to close account #631730, as it contains only \$5.03. Chairperson Cindy Kabel would like to keep the account open to deposit future donations.

### **New Business:**

#### *Easter Egg Hunt*

A discussion was held regarding the commission's annual Easter Egg Hunt. In light of the success of the Hope Springs Church's Easter Egg Hunt, the commission discussed skipping their event for 2013. Not only is the event not budgeted for in the CCAC's budget, it was originally created as there were no other "large" community hunts in Stafford at the time. With Hope Springs now holding the event for the community, the CCAC event is not necessary. In early January, 2013, Hope Springs posted the date of their Easter Egg Hunt on their Facebook page as well as the Facebook Community Bulletin Board.

#### *Summerfest*

At this year's Summerfest celebration, the commission would like to see more craft vendors geared toward children, more children's activities and games, including "water" activities. Duck pool, dunk tank, wet sponge toss, photo booths, old-fashioned photos, wood cut-outs for photo ops, sand art, spin art, gold fish or beta fish

contests were all discussed. This year the commission will post on Facebook a list of activities they want at Summerfest and offer them to town organizations or groups, first-come, first-served. In years' past, the commission has not always known what activity an organization was offering beforehand.

*Possible Spring Event(s)*

The commission discussed holding a CCAC-sponsored event during one of the spring's Artists of Stafford's "Arts on Main Street" events. A May Pole dance was discussed, as the commission held this during a Stafford Street Festival several years ago with the high school's Madrigals. Another event that was discussed was a Community Tag Sale, to be held in a park or at the high school. April Waugh recollected how successful a past Community Tag Sale was on Main Street, in which the street was blocked off during the event. At a fee of \$20 per table, the commission could raise money for added activities for Summerfest. Interest will be gauged via the commission's Facebook page and the Community Bulletin Board page. A Holistic Health Fair was also discussed.

**Adjournment:**

Barbara Bresnahan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. April Waugh seconded the motion.

*Respectfully submitted,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Bresnahan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

*Barbara Bresnahan, Secretary, Stafford Community and Civic Affairs Commission*