

## MANITO POPCORN FESTIVAL

August 21, 2017

Lee, Dorothy, Rita, John Bernshausen, Kitty Byrd, Rayeann

Rita: booths are coming in. She asked Rayeann to print the schematic for the craft village. She asked if Terry Lowe was going to set up the electrical stations for us on Wednesday after the grass is mowed. And if the grass could be mowed on Wednesday so she can paint booth spaces. Rayeann will text Larry VanDyke about the grass and Terry about the electric.

Kitty: she has 9 entries. The t-shirts and trophies are ordered. Kelsey Meeker is instructing the dance portion. Hannah Meyer is also helping. She will have 3 judges.

Patia: parade report: The committee has met again and will be making phone calls to people who may not realize there is a form to complete. They have 7 new entries making the total 13 for now. The parade committee is going to buy shirts for the 4 of them so they are visible to those in the parade. She is still looking for judges.

Dorothy: \$21,417.49 in checking. Enbridge and Weaver money will come in directly to the checking account. She has talked to the village about them updating Ameren as to when to start and stop service to the lot to avoid complications as in the past. Dorothy will make up goody bags for the judges that include some popcorn and other items. The popcorn is ordered. Dorothy & Rayeann cleaned up the township building and organized things.

John Bernshausen: will get started on the lights and kitchen set up soon.

Bonnie: she has 2 lip sync and 3 talent so far. She is going to paint 6 rocks to hide for a \$5 prize. They may be redeemed after 4:00 on Friday.

Rayeann: still working on advertising with Pekin Times. Not looking good. Not a big response from local businesses to advertise and the Times has not stayed in touch. The Destinations magazine that comes in the Times had a very nice 4-page spread on the festival with colored pictures and details. It was an easy process and no cost to us. And they used Shawn Prather's photos and gave him credit for them. Posters and flyers and flyers are being printed.

We will have a pot luck on Thursday night at 6:00 before the festival. All committee members and their families are encouraged to join in and celebrate the upcoming weekend. If any former committee members would like to join us, please invite them. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring meat dishes, vegetables, salads and desserts.

Next meeting will be on Monday, August 28<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 in the park.