

MANITO POPCORN FESTIVAL

August 8, 2017

Lee, Dorothy, Rita, Bonnie, Patia, John Parkin, Evan Hopkins, Melissa Pearson, Rayeann

Rita: carnival is coming including duck pond, a few games that we don't have and inflatables on Sunday. They will charge admission for all their activities and donate back to Popcorn Festival. She had a list of food, vendors and crafters to update the website. Some of the long-time participants have not contacted Rita with their information. Rotary dime toss and walking taco booth are a couple of the main ones that come every year.

Evan: he has 4 bands and 3 judges.

Patia: so far she has 5 parade entries. The deadline is August 28th. She will have 3 judges.

Bonnie: She's taking and organizing the talent/lip sync contests. Val will be the MC. She will have 4 judges.

Dorothy: \$23,012.37 in checking. She will move \$1000 to the parade account for prizes and expenses. She is waiting for the check from Weaver Popcorn. Enbridge is donating \$800 so some of that will be used for talent/lip sync. Bonnie said they would display a banner if they have one. Dorothy has arranged for the porta-potties and ice truck. Lee will try to man the ice purchases as much as he can.

Rayeann: Working on advertising with Pekin Times. They are talking about not having a tab in the paper again so that's a challenge again this year. Will continue to work on it. Dorothy has something in the Menard Electric publication.

Mike Lauer is sending the contract for the inflatables. He would bring an obstacle course to add to the three inflatables for the same cost. He has a kids train for a cost of \$450. Rita said he will have the whole street so space isn't a problem. The committee decided against the train with the extra cost.

Kitty Byrd is on vacation but she has touched base with Kelsey Meeker and Hannah Meyer for the princess pageant. Manito Community Bank will be the sponsor again this year.

Bree is also on vacation. Unity Point is sponsoring the kids dance. She has purchased glow necklaces and will have posters out soon. Havana National Bank would like their donation sponsor the photo booth.

Greg Springborn is contacting the Pekin high school color guard again for our opening ceremonies and flag raising. We will donate \$100 to their group again as in the past.

Chris Harms will sing the national anthem again.

Chamber of Commerce will be making their donation (\$300) to us again as in the past. We will use their donation to sponsor the majority of the Knockerballs (\$350). The Knockerballs people will charge \$3 per person and the proceeds will come to the Popcorn Festival to help pay the rest.

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 15th at 6:30 in the park.