

MANITO POPCORN FESTIVAL

July 17, 2017

Lee, Dorothy, Rita, Bonnie, Patia, Brooke Mitchell, Melissa Pearson, Rayeann

Patia reported that Joann Miller has created a registration form for parade entries. She emailed a rough draft to a few just to get some input on the content. She will be sending it out to newspapers along with the route map and we will add it to the website. More discussion on the parade route. The issue has been turning onto State St from Washington. People park right up to the corner and for larger vehicles it's a tough turn. Lee will ask the police to tape it off for parking until the parade is over but people in the past have moved the barricades and still parked there. Parade route will continue down Broadway and end at Kalhammers. That way the participants have 3 directions to depart from the route. Patia and her committee will have \$1500 for the parade expenses includes prizes.

Dorothy: \$21,858.37 in checking. Go Daddy website annual charge was automatically applied to Lee's credit card. Dorothy wrote him a check for it. This year's annual amount was \$203.

Rayeann: Working on advertising with several newspaper publications including Destinations magazine in the Pekin Times and the Travel section of the paper.

Pony rides are confirmed for Saturday at the triangle park for \$700. Allison Pabish, 9N670 Kendall Road, Elgin IL 60124. Phone 224-655-8586.

West McQueen Street Band confirmed for Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm for \$500. Dennis Hilst plays with them. 9 piece band. Rick Simpkins, leader, 309-303-7721. They have a following so hopefully they will bring people to the park. It was decided to not have any other entertainment.

Rayeann emailed Jeff Neikirk about sponsoring one of the kids events between Laurie's and Five Star Water. No response yet.

Rita: She talked to Darin at Manito Tap. He would like to sponsor a kids event. She has 14 vendors and crafters so far. She asked that the website be updated. Some of the dates are wrong and the applications are difficult for the vendors to print. Rayeann will have Heather make the corrections.

Bonnie: will work with Val. No changes yet.

Brooke will go into Rayeann's office to look at the princess folder to see if it's something she'd like to be involved in.