

## MANITO POPCORN FESTIVAL

June 19, 2017

Lee, Dorothy, Rita, Bonnie, Patia, John and Deb Bernshausen, Rayeann

Patia reported that she has a committee together. Joann Miller, Jackie Spicer, Melissa Pierson. They have met and are working on a registration form and color guard. They asked if they could change the route to continue down Washington and not make the turn to go down Broadway in from of the downtown businesses. They didn't feel there were many people on that section of the route. It was a suggestion and will be discussed and decided on later. The reviewing stand will be on the Methodist Church steps again with Lee as the announcer. She asked if the buses to move the bands could park at the firehouse parking lot. John and Deb

Dorothy: \$18,387.25 in checking.

Meals: Lee's Family Restaurant will have fish on Friday night, Saturday will be chicken barbeque. The Methodist Church will not be doing pork chops on Sunday. We need to look for a Sunday meal.

Dorothy and Rayeann created a sponsor letter that was sent out on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 50 businesses and a return envelope was included. As of June 19, a total of \$2800 has been received. Thank you notes are sent as soon as we receive the money.

Dorothy is contacting several corporate sponsors for their donations. And she's also contacted various companies to get our festival in their publications.

Rayeann: Working on advertising with several newspaper publications.

Roxie Parks will not be able to do the princess pageant due to her work constraints. We need a new person. Kelsey Meeker will help with the dance portion but also, due to working in Peoria and teaching dance, she can't do the whole thing.

Rita: No Knockerballs this year due to the health issues of the owner.

Bonnie: emailed Val and they are discussing combining the talent and lip sync events into one. Maybe get someone from the school to help and co-chair Saturday night.

John and Deb: they will have corn dogs using the FD equipment and recipe calling on friends and family. The proceeds will go to Leukodystrophy foundation. Bonnie will pay the vendor fee.

They don't feel Woiwode's lot will be big enough for the kid's games. They said they really spread out for several of the games.

John would like to see those having meals in the pavilion work at getting the kitchen area set up.