

MANITO POPCORN FESTIVAL

MAY 21,2018

Members: Dorothy Kreiling, Rita Roberson, Marcia Whitehouse, John Parkin, Bree Kerley, John Bernshausen, Lee Lacey, Rayeann Meeker. Guests: Terry Lair & Jan Buchanan.

The theme for this year is: Manito Popcorn Festival salutes Teachers.

GoDaddy renewal (\$228) has been paid for the website. It included \$7 so no personal information is visible to be invaded. Only GoDaddy info is used.

Rayeann: email has been submitted to Mason District Hospital for sponsoring \$2000 of the chicken barbecue. Woiwode family will be cooking and Cub Scouts will serve. No response yet.

Email sent to Hopedale Medical Complex for sponsorship. They called and are sending a check but we don't know how much yet.

Confirmed petting zoo for \$900 for Saturday 12-6. Sending a contract. Ponies are us \$300/hr. tentatively booked for 3 hours.

Knockerballs confirmed. Photo booth confirmed. Lee's Family Restaurant confirmed for fish on Friday night. Great American Popcorn Company confirmed they are coming.

Parade committee is on board. Same great group ready to go.

Dorothy: will be contacting Enbridge, Unity Point (with Marcia's help), Casey's, Monsanto and Dollar General for possible sponsorships.

Marcia: she would like to do a popcorn sculpture contest/cooking contest. She will work on that.

Bree: planning on the kids dance on Friday night. She was contacted by George McAvin who is local and has a blue grass band. They'd like to play on Saturday night. She'll get more info from him. She will also be the National Honor Society advisor this fall and the kids will need hours. She said anyone who needs help to let her know.

John Bernshausen: there will be corn dogs! He thinks everything in the park is ok as far as lighting. He appreciated the help installing all the hanging lights last year from Lynn Coers and his classes. He's hoping for that again this year. He suggests that we have an electrician check out the outlets a couple of weeks before and since there will be lots of cooking this year, the pavilion's capacity for that. Rayeann will contact Terry Lowe.

The small shed in the park is too far in disrepair. Since we have all access to the township building, we will start storing the fridge, sinks and water heater there. Lee will talk to the village guys about tearing out those voting booths so we have more available space.

There was discussion about the bowls and vases left from the sesquicentennial. They were given to us and the chamber to do with what we'd like. There has been one of each on the basket auction for the last 10 years and there are still more. It was suggested to put them out at the PF for \$5 each and try to get rid of them.

Lee will contact Greg Springborn about the Pekin ROTC being at the opening ceremonies. And the new Methodist pastor will do the invocation. Chris Harms will sing the national anthem.

Terry and Jan were representing the Chatauqua Sportsmen's Club. They are exploring the idea of a fried chicken dinner at the park on Sunday. After much discussion on amount of dinners, amount to charge, times etc., they will go back to their membership and let us know. It was agreed upon by the committee, for their first year to charge the normal booth fee of \$45. If their endeavor is successful and they come back that amount will be adjusted.