Recreation Committee Minutes

The Cincinnati NFB chapter recreation committee met on Thursday, April 14 and again on April 21st 2016 by phone conference from 7:00 to 8:35 P.M. with Kim McEachirn opening the meetings with prayer and presiding.    President Deborah Kendrick, Deanna Lewis, Judy Rudig, Walter Mitchell, Annie McEachirn Carson and Kim McEachirn attended the initial meeting on April 14th; however, on April 21st, in attendance were the following members:

President Deborah Kendrick, Judy Rudig, Rachel Kuntz , Deanna Lewis, Walter Mitchell, Sherri Albers, Paul Dressell, Berney Dressell, Annie McEachirn carson and Kim McEachirn

Both meetings covered the same topics; therefore, under each topic heading, the letter a stands for the April 14th report and the letter B will represent the April 21st report.

1. Spring Grove Cemetery Tour on May 7th:

     A.    Annie reported several people had signed up for the tour but she would have a final count at the next recreation meeting.  Also, she reminded the committee that all of the details regarding the tour had been email to the list; however, a follow-up email would be sent out to the list prior to May 1st.

    B.  The follow-up email has been sent to the list.  Currently, sixteen people are scheduled to attend the tour.

1. NFB annual picnic:
2. Annie was assigned to find a picnic location and dates to recommend to the committee.  The committee was interested in the months of June or august for the picnic.  She was encouraged to talk with Paul and Berney Dressell regarding the possibility of having the picnic at their home; discuss with Paul the Winton Woods location secured in the past; and check into the possibility of using the clubhouse/swimming pool at the Lake of the Woods.  In addition, other Cincinnati NFB chapter members were asked but their homes weren’t available.

B.  Since none of the options explored turned out to be suitable to our specifications, Annie asked Marianne Denning, (President of the Ohio Association to Promote the Use of Braille and Treasurer of the Ohio Association of Guide Dog Users) if the picnic could be held at her house, and she said “yes” with the stipulation of June 18th as the date.  The committee agreed to accept Marianne’s generous offer.  The picnic will begin around 1:00 and end approximately 4:15.  Annie will communicate picnic details to Marianne and work with volunteers (Sheri Albers, Jesse McDaniel, Judy Rudig, Rachel Kuntz, Deanna Lewis and Diane Carmony) to ensure food service to those who need it and to make sure cleanup is completed afterwards.  Deanna will contact people with the purpose of generating a list of attendees and general menu.  The chapter asked that each person attending the picnic pay $5 to cover the cost of the meat and drinks and also bring something to eat to share.    Meats will include Hamburgers, hotdogs, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers.  Basic items necessary include Lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onions, pickle relish, ketchup and mustard.  Kim will bring some games for those who are interested in structured activities.

1. Block Party Idea:
2. Walter presented a preliminary sketch of his vision of organizing a “block party”.  After extensive discussion with questions centered around the overall cost, the cost effectiveness for the Cincinnati Chapter, and the organization of an event such as this magnitude as it relates to the responsibility of the Cincinnati NFB Chapter, the committee voted to allow walter the opportunity to move forward on this project with the proviso that the committee will consider whether or not they will support the event after hearing a more detailed and formal action plan covering such issues as overall economic investment, level of commitment from participating organizations, marketing plan, confirmed venue and assigned responsibilities.
3. After much discussion, the committee continued to have many concerns.  Walter was asked to edit his proposal to exclude the participation of the student division of Ohio as it doesn’t currently exist.  The committee voted again to allow Walter the opportunity to move forward on this project with the proviso that the committee will consider whether or not they will support the event after hearing a more detailed and formal action plan.    Additionally, Walter is not to contact the media on behalf of the NFB unless the project has been formally approved.  Deanna will provide Walter with email addresses of all recreation committee members for the purpose of sending proposal updates.  Walter has agreed to come before the committee again when he has a thoroughly developed plan.
4. Topics for the next meeting will include the Cincinnati NFB chapter’s annual picnic and new ideas.
5. Kim closed with prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Kim McEachirn, co-chairman