

Burrillville Recreation Commission

Minutes - Regular Meeting

6:30 pm – November 14, 2023

Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, 100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville, RI 02830

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Members Present: Terri Reis, Ann Brown, Joseph Risho, Greg Devlin, Cliff Boulet

Members Absent: Andrea Banks

Members Excused: Sharon Davies

Guests: none

Correspondence:

Good and Welfare:

Old Business:

Report on Recreation Program:

Winter programs to include Burrillville Youth Basketball, Safe Sitter Class, One on One and After School Art classes for kids. For Adults there is Yoga, Zumba, plus complimentary Sunshine Club, Senior Yoga, Senior Ukulele both beginner & advanced, Senior "Let's Get Moving", Senior Yoga, NEW Indoor Pickleball, NEW Senior Tai-Chi classes and biweekly Writer's Group Program.

Holiday Card Contest:

Flyers have been sent to the AT Levy families inviting the children to participate in the Holiday Card Contest. The deadline is November 9, 2023 for any entries to be received. Li'l General has once again offered to sell the cards beginning the week of Thanksgiving with proceeds to benefit Burrillville families in need. Art Teacher will also be incorporating the contest into the AT Levy curriculum.

Santa Calling Program:

Flyers approved by the Superintendent to distribute paper copies to the (3) elementary schools for the grade (2) and under students have been delivered. The return deadline is November 22, 2023 with calls to be made by our volunteer Santas between 5 pm and 8 pm from November 29, 2023 through December 3, 2023. NEW this year is the option on a 1st come, 1st serve basis to have Santa Facetime the child instead of just call. Two of our volunteer Santas have offered to make the Facetime calls. To date there are (4) registered for calls and (3) registered for Facetime. Flyer including registration form posted on the Parks & Recreation webpage.

Santa Event:

Santa is coming with the assistance of Harrisville Fire Department at 1:00 pm. Mrs. Clause will be helping the children decorate cookies in the library community room. Jesse Smith Library has been reserved to move the event indoors. The Burrillville Middle School Choir has confirmed their availability to sing holiday music on both 12/2/23 and the blizzard date of 12/9/23. Dunkin Donuts of Pascoag will donate ½ the cost of the donuts. Uncle Ronnie's Red Tavern will once again supply the hot cocoa. Candy Canes have been received to handout to all who come to the event. (400) Santa gifts have been ordered to supplement any leftover gifts from 2022.

NEW Indoor Pickleball Program- As of November 8, 2023, there were (14 participants) at the Callahan Gym from 5 pm to 6 pm to continue through Thursday-November 16, 2023. The next session will begin

in January 2024 after the holidays. A new portable pickleball net system has been received. Additional indoor pickleballs delivered. Advertising began the week of October 3, 2023 with a great response.

NEW Senior Art Classes-complimentary senior art classes to take place at the Lodge for (3) consecutive weeks beginning 12/5/23.

NEW Senior Tai-chi Classes- planned to start Thursday-November 30, 2023 with the instructor from Smithfield YMCA. A flyer and registration form will be posted on the Facebook pages and town website as of October 30, 2023.

Lunch & Learn: The Lunch & Learn Halloween theme event took place October 25, 2023 Lunch & Learn at Wright's Farm Restaurant. There were over (395) seniors in attendance and (11) information booths including the town table. We could have an additional booth for a total of (12) for the next Lunch & Learn.

Stuff the Gazebo:

The Burrillville Lions Club held a Stuff the Gazebo Event at the Town Common/Gazebo on Sunday-November 5, 2023 from 9am to noon to benefit the Burrillville Weekend Snack Pack Program.

Christmas Tree & Lights at the Gazebo:

Leeway has been contacted to set aside a 12' tree for the gazebo. Harrisville Fire Department will once again assist with the gazebo holiday lights, picking up the Christmas tree and decorating the tree the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Burrillville Weekend Snack Pack:

A total of \$2,326.22 has been donated in October & November to the program. This includes \$1,680 donated in memory of Jean Sliney. 21 families picking up weekly at the lodge, and 45 children receiving weekly bags at school.

Burrillville Senior Services: Offering thanksgiving and Christmas meals from uncle ronnie's to seniors homebound and celebrating alone. Meals are delivered on the holidays by volunteers.

Report on Parks/Recreation Areas:

Community Center – working on stage 3 of the community center granny application.

Town Common – thanksgiving wooden display items erected on the town common.

Hauser Field restroom cleanings have been suspended for the season no later than November 20, 2023 pending Burrillville Patriots updated schedule due to playoffs. New netting has been installed as well as pads. Winterization will take place at both the Pavilion and Hauser no later than the end of November.

New Business:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm

Minutes submitted by Andrea Banks