Call to order

A meeting of Cameron Station Activities & Events Committee was held at Clubhouse on October 4th, 2017.

Attendees

Attendees included Andrew Yang, Ritah Karera, Sarah Tressler, and Michelle Rampey.

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included David Nguyen, Phyllis Fantazier, and Rick Ramireza.

Approval of minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved.

Voting Member Resigns

David Nguyen and Julie Anne Kalbfleisch resigned as a voting member due to time constraints and inability to attend meetings. Both resigned in good favor with the committee and both are invited to remain as a volunteer. David and Julie exemplify the heart of Cameron Station and we are fortunate to continue to have them as neighbors and friends.

Upcoming Events

Masquerade Casino Night (Saturday) October 7th 6:30pm - 9:30pm in Clubhouse Great Room/Gym:

- Phyllis, Andy, Dan, and Karen volunteered assist setting up for the event.
- Dealers Choice Casinos will provide the tables, dealers, and funny money
- Committee is responsible for providing 12 chairs for the dealers
- The amount quoted was $3050 based on the following information:
  
  6 Blackjack Tables
  2 Roulette Table
  2 Texas Hold’em Table
  1 Mini Baccarat Table
  1 Big Money Wheel Table
  1 - 10’ Craps Table

  Provides approx. 112 playing positions at one time.
• Michelle will pick-up the drinks for the event which will be sponsored by the Podolsky Group.
• Brandywine has not confirmed that they would sponsor a caterer for the event after mentioning it as a possibility a few weeks ago and therefore committee it will be on the committee to provide the food.
• Michelle confirmed that she had called Fire station 208 and invited them to attend.
• Michelle is offering her personal Halloween decorations in order for the event to be themed.
• Michelle Rampey is cooking for the event without payment in order to save money toward the Holiday Party.
  o The menu includes 200 Chocolate chip cookies (baked on Oct 4th), 150 Bite size pastries (bought from Trader Joes), 100 shot size chocolate brownie/mousse parfaits, 100 bite size pumpkin bread (from Trader Joes), 200 cocktail shrimp (from Costco), 200 BBQ Meatballs (from Costco), 200 Veggies & 200 fruit bites (bought & chopped from Costco), 200 Crème puffs (from Costco), 100 Bruchetta (bread and ingredients bought at Costco), 200 sandwiches (from Costco), and pretzels and hummus (from Costco). Note: Michelle is not a caterer nor desires to do this again unless she has to for the sake of budget.

October 21st (Saturday) Cameron Station Kids Halloween Party at 2:00pm to 5:00pm in Clubhouse/Gym:
• Irina Babb Homes donated $700 to sponsor the games, Dr. Franken Labs, and the snacks.
• 529 Kids Consign donated $200 for candy and prizes.
• Thorpe Homes is providing the special effects and Halloween music for Dr. Franken Labs.
• Michelle will use leftover brownie mix from casino night to make grave dirt (crushed brownies) served with a gummy worm & sprinkles in a shot class. It was also agreed on to use the frozen bite sized pastries that were not served at casino night. Michelle advised that she would carve a watermelon to look like a monster to serve fruit, buy tangerines and peel them to look like pumpkins. Cook the frozen meatballs left over from casino night and serve.
• Remy, Andy, Dan, Michelle and David Thorpe volunteered to arrive early to set up for the event.
• Michelle advised that she had a wig and lab coat for someone to be Dr. Franken, if no one volunteered she would take the role.
• Michelle also advised that Dr. Franken Labs would have dried kernels of corn for zombie teeth, slime for wombat snot, sticky toy eyeballs and call them monster eyeballs, cooked spaghetti with tomato sauce and olive oil for Frankenstein’s intestines, and a boiled whole cauliflower with tomato sauce smeared on it calling it Dracula’s brain.

November 3rd (Friday) Family Movie Night at 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Clubhouse Great Room:
• Andy volunteered to take the lead for the event.
• Sarah and Michelle volunteered to support the event and help set-up the room.
• Andy volunteered to pick up the movie from Red Box and order the pizzas.
November 15th (Wednesday) BUNCO Night 7pm to 9pm in Clubhouse Great Room:
- Glenn from Silver Diner offered to provide sandwiches for the event
- The Podolsky Group offered to sponsor event with $100.

December 10th (Saturday) Annual Holiday Party at 6:00pm to 9:00pm in Clubhouse Great Room/Gym:
- Discussed volunteers will be needed on December 9th to decorate Clubhouse, noted Andy Yang will be out of town due to visiting family
- Discussed providing coffee & bagels (or something similar) for volunteers decorating
- Committee decided not to do a theme to avoid greater expense due to limited budget
- Julie and Sarah volunteered to develop a craft for kids. The committee decided on developing a “Santa’s Wish List” as part of an activity. The activity would be incorporated into the wait-time for Santa.
- To organize the line for Santa the committee discussed using tickets and providing timed windows for wait-times in line so families can enjoy the event and not stand in line the entire time. The craft will hopefully break up the wait time for the children during the actual wait.
- The committee also decided to forego hiring a photographer and allowing parents to take their own pics with Santa using their cell phones. (Note: Santa acknowledged problems with the wait line the previous year as well as the photographer not being informed that the intent was to take pictures with Santa).
- Michelle advised Santa Clause was booked and will be sponsored by the Podolsky Group
- Irina Babb will sponsor the beverages up to $1000 and will also provide sponsorship for remaining activities
- Michelle advised that she had located a quite jazz ensemble that may provide music for the event.

December 16th (Saturday) Community Cookie Exchange at 2:00pm to 5:00pm in Clubhouse Great Room:
- Cameron Station moms requested sponsorship and use of Clubhouse Great Room
- Victoria Jones and Kim Canter volunteered to take the lead and created an invitation requesting RSVPs by November 30th
- Victoria and Kim requested participants bring 2 dozen cookies, one to share and exchange and the second to donate to the Alexandria Police Department, Fire station 208, as well as a community kitchen.

Reviewed Previous Events

September 8th (Friday) Family Movie Night
- Approximately 70 attendees
- Experienced challenges with equipment but volunteers came up with two other means for viewing the movie as a back-up. Movie started on-time and actually received a comment that we started the movie too soon.
- Next time possibly give people more time to get their pizza before the movie is started.
September 23rd (Saturday) Annual Fall Yard Sale:

- Only 12 neighbors went to the gazebo to pick-up balloons prior to the event. Michelle drove around and delivered the balloons to the neighbors and provided 72 balloons to 72 families/residents for their yard sale
- Did not have enough signage up for the event and discussed purchasing a reusable generic yard sale banner to display on Duke Street the week prior to the event
- The attendance seemed low at the yard sale and noted that a different method of advertisement was attempted. Next time will need to ensure Washington Post, Craigslist, and signage within city regulations is displayed.

September 27th (Wednesday) BUNCO Night at London Curry House:

- Approximately 25 people attended
- Positive remarks regarding event & prizes

Additional business

2017 Budget

- As of August 10th Michelle became aware that approximately $10,000 (correction $14,000) from last year was applied to the A&E 2017 budget expense because the 2016 A&E Committee overspent.
- The following previous events’ expense are as follows:
  - $200 budgeted for Family Movie Night Expense
  - 529 Kids Consign sponsoring November 4th Family Movie Night
  - $100 budgeted for BUNCO Night
  - Silver Diner sponsoring sandwiches
  - Podolsky Group sponsoring $100
  - $8500 budgeted for Annual Holiday party
  - Podolsky Group sponsoring $400 for Santa
  - Brandywine may sponsor musical entertainment at $400
  - Irina Babb sponsoring up to $2500
  - $200 budgeted for Community Cookie Exchange
  - If money left over from Irina Babb’s donation she is sponsoring Cookie Exchange

All receipts turned into office should copy Michelle Rampey within the email due to tracking expenses to maintain budget. Rampey_michelle@yahoo.com

Announcement: Ideas for 2018 Submission for Budget

- The Board of Directors has approved the 2018 budget at $40,000