

Meeting Minutes

Johnson Community Oven Committee

September 23, 2019 7:25 PM

In attendance: Jasmine Yuris, Jenn Yuris, Charlotte Roozkrans, Luke Gellatly, Sophia Berard, Ray Kania, Jennifer Burton, Mark Woodard

Not present: Liam Murphy

Jasmine called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

Agenda item 1: Pizza Finale Updates

- Everyone bring rakes, apples, buckets if you have them
- Luke reported that he will be getting the donuts
- Jenn B. and Ray will be writing and submitting the next two Front Porch Forum posts about the Pizza Finale event as well as shout outs to our donors.
- Sohpie reported that she will be contacting Fran, Dan, Chris and Roland for music as well as ask Blair for a triple batch of dough for that week.
- Jenn, Ray and Luke will bring extension cords and lights
- Brian will move the firepit
- Kyle will be bringing the cider press
- Toppings will be purchased using the rest of the grant money and we will welcome topping donations the night of the event, as always.

Agenda item 2: Postcards

- Thank you to Ray and Lotie for joining forces and printing the postcards that will be sent out for Thank Yous.
- The committee decided unanimously to write out all of the Thank Yous at the November meeting.

Agenda item 3: Oven door

- Sophie reported that Blair said that the oven door is fine for now.
- Ray, Luke and Mark discussed securing the mantel with a piece of steel and drilling it in as well as use cement where needed. They will look into the materials needed and make a decision on when to do it. Jasmine voiced that she feels that it should be done this year before winter really hits.

Agenda item 3: Reflections on this season

- Jasmine voiced her concern over our lack of a clear cancellation policy. The committee decided to designate one person to take on this job next year and if

the forecast is saying anything above a 60% chance of rain we will cancel the night before to give Blair a heads up.

- There was discussion about shortening the baking season and the committee decided as a collaborative that we would end the season the second Monday in September.
- Mark voiced that we should think of ways to get more people involved to share the load of the committee and to give members of the committee a break for a week or two.
- Jasmine talked about creating a book that is chained to the oven to learn how to use it in clear steps. Jenn B. brought up the point that we need to alert the town that we are going to do that as they are responsible for providing clinics and support to community members that want to learn how to use the oven.
- Jasmine talked about all of the jobs that she presently does for the weekly bakes and the committee discussed the possibility of building something to store everything in so it doesn't have to be at her house. Jenn B. brought up the possibility of using the Johnson Elem. School for food prep, storage of food and clean up. She will contact the principal of the school and report back to us at the next meeting.
- Jasmine reported that Liam is the only volunteer we have for starting and tending the fire so we discussed using a website for volunteers that would allow people to sign up for specific jobs and would generate email reminders.
- Mark mentioned that we need bigger signage roadside. Jenn B. said that she has a large sign board that we can use. The committee also discussed putting signs or fliers up at the apartment building at the end of school street, WIC Office, Food Pantry, etc. Ray said that he thinks he can get an "in kind" donation of signs from work. We also discussed having a large sign up for Tuesday Night Live each week.
- Laraway will be contacted this winter to see if they would be willing to volunteer for some of the jobs that need to be done for the bakes.
- Jenn B. brought up an idea for a fundraiser. She will work on doing another Front Seat Coffee/Donut Pop Up this winter at the same location as last year.
- Ray is going to work on getting plaques for the picnic tables donated from VT Electric Coop from the places we got our grants from.

Agenda item 4: Dreamscapes

- Jasmine spoke passionately about wanting some sort of structure to be built off of the front side of the oven. Many people spoke up with hesitation about whether it would be better to build off of the side or possibly get an awning for now.
- A structure for storage is also on the top of the committee's dream list.

