

Johnson Community Oven (JCO) Committee
April 27th, 2021

Present: Liam Murphy, Jasmine Yuris, Sophia Berard, Luke Gellatly, Charlotte “Lotty” Roozekrans, Ray Kania

Not present: Mark Woodward, Jen Burton

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

1. Review of Monday Night Bake finances

On record, the JCO committee has \$993.00, but this does not include donations from Mark Woodward or Jen Burton. It is estimated that there is a little over \$1000.00 in the account. In consideration of grants, two were discussed for their relevance and opportunities for the JCO committee: The Spark grant (\$500-\$3,000) and the Green Mountain Fund (up to \$1,000) as offered through the Vermont Community Foundation. One season for the oven committee is about \$1,736, so Jasmine will apply for \$2,000 to the Spark grant between June 7th and August 9th, 2021.

2. Monday Night Bake Updates & Task Force

The committee was in agreement that the protocol from the 2020 season was efficient and safe, and suggested a similar layout for the 2021 season. There was discussion of bringing back some community involvement by way of volunteers, and offering slices to the attendees who just wanted to drop in and enjoy pizza in their community without getting a full pie. Luke will look into pizza racks for offering slices.

With the addition of offering slices, the committee will need another table, likely a small folding table. There was discussion of where to store it between bakes – Sophia will ask Howard Romero about storing it in the TNL bandstand closet for the season.

Next, the timeframe of the oven season was discussed. It was unanimously decided that Monday Night Bakes would take place every Monday in July and August, with a special “Harvest Meal” in late September (exact date undecided).

- a. *Calendar sign up* – Lotty set up the task sign-up sheet for the 2021 season with rotating shifts for each week. Committee members will sign up for tasks and bakes as available.

After many of the JCO committee members participated in Richard Miscovich’s wood-fired baking community talk, the suggestion was made for the oven to be fired earlier in the day on bake days. Liam agreed to start the fire around 9am instead of 12pm, in an attempt to have more consistent heat retention for the 5:30pm bake.

- b. *Boxes* – Ray will reach out the Maplefield’s in Johnson to see if the JCO committee could buy 800-1000 boxes in bulk for the season at wholesale price or perhaps partially donated.
- c. *Dough* – Luke will resume all communication with Blair Marvin around dough amounts, and will facilitate the dough pick-up every week.

- d. *Cheese* – Jen was picking up the Jasper Hill cheese every week for the 2020 season. Lotty will reach out to Jen with a more streamlined approach to cheese-transit, hopefully reducing the number of trips that will need to be made to the NEK from weekly to monthly.

We also discussed purchasing pepperoni in bulk directly from Vermont Smoke and Cure. Ray will reach out to Vermont Smoke and Cure and report back. In light of potentially having bulk cheese and pepperoni on hand, the conversation naturally moved to storage of perishables. Jasmine believes Mark has a fridge in the village that could be set up for food storage for the oven committee. Jasmine will reach out to Mark to confirm.

- e. *Sauce* – Jen will continue to make the tomato sauce for every Monday night bake.
- f. *Clean & organize bin* – All members who can will show up in June (date undecided) to help clean out and organize the storage bin.
- g. *Cleaning after Monday Night Bakes* – Lotty will add “clean-up” as a rotating shift to the 2021 season task sign-up sheet.

There was discussion around the water spigot on Legion Field and whether the village would allow its usage this season. Jasmine mentioned that someone from the town had reached out to ask if the JCO committee might have a use for the spigot if it was turned on. Jasmine would follow up and express the JCO committee’s interest in using the water spigot.

3. Other Business

Lotty will take the compost home to her chickens and pigs after every Monday night bake.

The importance of volunteers beyond the committee was discussed. It was decided that a sign-up sheet would be available at every Monday night bake for people to get their name in the mix and be included in the Monday night bake task force!

With no other business, Ray made a motion to adjourn, Sophia seconded.

7:09 Meeting adjourned