

JOHNSON TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

Present: Howard Romero, Sophia Berard, Tim Mikovitz, Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Joie Lehouillier, Tom Moog

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Howard called for nominations for chair. Tim nominated Howard, seconded by Joie. **Howard was elected chair.**

Howard said the committee has a balance of \$5,222.08.

The committee discussed thoughts about last year. It was agreed that we need more vendors and that it is not a good idea to have a show after school has started.

Abby said we had discussed the idea that band members should be able to cut the line to get food. Tim suggested maybe they could walk around before their set and decide what they want, then write down their order and have us bring it to them. There was general agreement with that idea.

Tom shared what he knows about food trucks that will be coming back or may not be coming back. He suggested it might be good to have a couple of substitute vendors and that we should let the food vendors know we depend on them to be there every Tuesday and that they need to give us chance to get a substitute if they have to miss a night. Tim suggested we could ask them to pay a certain amount ahead of time and then at the end of the season if they make every show or find a replacement they can have some of the money back.

Sophia asked if we can get water bottles with the TNL logo. Others agreed we should do that.

Abby said she is willing to contact previous sponsors again this year. Joie said we should inventory the sponsor signs and make sure we ask everyone we have a sign for. Committee members suggested some possible new sponsors.

Tim moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2022 and the motion was seconded and passed.

Howard said GiGi Beach wants to be a sponsor and she asked if it would be okay if she had the sign made herself. Joie said she thinks that is okay.

Sophia said she doesn't have any bands booked yet. She hasn't checked the committee emails yet. She suggested maybe we should have an auto response set up for email. Joie said she thinks we can do something similar on Facebook Messenger.

Tom said he has found one band that can perform this year.

The committee discussed how much to pay performers. Tim suggested aiming for an average of \$800 per band. Sophia looked up how much we spent on bands last year: \$6850. That included an extra show compared to most years and two performers for the first show, each paid full price. Tim said 8 shows at an average of \$800 per show is \$6400, which would be a bit of an increase from last year, given that we will be paying for fewer shows this year.

The committee talked about finding people to MC. Tim suggested it would be nice to have a local musician who could play some music as well as talk. In the past, MC's have not been paid. The committee talked about providing a free meal and paying around \$50.

Committee members each said they would be willing to take on the same responsibilities as last year.

Tim suggested asking vendors to donate a meal to band members. Abby said she is uncomfortable with requiring it. Sophia suggested letting vendors know that band members get a meal and that they are welcome to donate it; otherwise, we will pay them at the end of the night.

The committee talked about how taking and delivering food orders for band members would work. Abby said they can walk around and figure out what they want and tell us. Tom can get orders from band members. Tim said there are usually students available who could get the food from the vendors.

The committee discussed maybe making badges to identify TNL volunteers.

Tim suggested paying vendors at the end of the year with a check for band member meals.

Howard said the selectboard had issues with the way passing the hat at TNL has been done. They are saying the money donated is the town's money. Tom asked, they want to account for it better? Howard said yes. Abby asked, is it an issue that it is not passing through Rosemary? Howard said yes. Sophia said we could count it and account for it. Do they want it reported after every night or at the end of the season? Howard said he is not sure. Tom suggested that the committee keep track every week and give the town the number when they ask for it.

Howard said the town has instructed him that for insurance purposes he has to have a photo and serial number for everything we own. Tim said some of the less expensive items don't have serial numbers. There was discussion about using an engraver to mark TNL items.

Tim said he thinks the next purchase should probably be stage monitors. We could also use sub woofers, but we can't afford both those and stage monitors. He will get prices and report to the board next time.

Howard said we get very little recyclable trash so he is thinking maybe we should just have one container for compostables and one for everything else. Committee members suggested Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts might be able to help with sorting trash and stacking items to take up less

space in trash bags. Tim suggested high school students who need community service hours might be another source of help.

The committee reviewed the dates of the shows. Tom gave Sophia information on a band possibility.

Howard said he will advertise on Front Porch Forum for another committee member.

Howard said he would like everyone to look over and criticize the calendar of chores he created.

There was discussion about what to charge vendors. We charged \$225 last year. Abby suggested adding verbiage in the vendor agreement saying that it makes a huge impact if a vendor doesn't show up. Tom said he doesn't think we can ask for \$500 and then give \$250 back if they come to every show. He doesn't think they will go for that. Tim said he doesn't think we charge enough. Joie said she would like to research what other venues charge vendors. She said she would hate to price someone out who has been a good vendor for a long time. Tim suggested we could have a legacy price for reliable people who have been vendors for us for a long time. It was agreed to table discussion of what to charge vendors for now.

It was agreed to tentatively schedule the next meeting for April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Howard asked everyone to be thinking about what has to happen before the season and what order it needs to happen in. He suggested working backwards from when we need to get the poster done. It was agreed that we should get the poster done by June 1. Tim suggested solidifying the timeline next time.

Tim moved to adjourn at 8:26 and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths