

## **Minutes of Community Relations Committee Meeting**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, The Village Hall, 8:00 pm**

Attendees:

Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager

Melissa Wiak, Community Liaison/Administrative Assistant

Minh Le, Committee Co-Chair

Karen Spangler, Committee Co-Chair

Soniya Mitra, Committee Member

Saralisa Brau, Committee Member

Paloma Zuleta (by conference call), Committee Member

The first order of business was discussion of the budget. Shana advised the committee that they needed to submit their budget requests to her office by February 13 to insure presentation to the Board. There will be a public hearing on April 13<sup>th</sup> at which time anyone can speak up about any ideas or requests regarding the budget. She was not sure if there will be a public hearing time allotted during the March or April Board Meetings. Supplemental funds can be requested at any meeting. The budget will be officially approved at the Annual Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Minh and Karen agreed to draw up a budget proposal for submission to the Board.

The committee members then presented their activity ideas to Shana and Melissa. The first activity discussed was Movie Nights for different age groups, the first of which will be for the 2-6 age range on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was noted that the Village set-up of a DVD player is outdated technology and would it be possible to stream Amazon Fire through the current projector which has a USB port. The Village also has WiFi. It was decided that the Village may want to buy a firestick but for now CRC will try to select movies that we can get via DVD. A flat screen TV was proposed to replace the current projector screen but Shana said that was unlikely due to the possibility of damage. Minh offered to bring her firestick to the Hall to see if it is a viable possibility with the current setup.

The other ideas proposed included the following:

- An ice cream social during the warmer months
- Two resident socials – one called “New Resident” Social to be held in September and a Spring Resident Social in April
- Making sandwiches for Marthas Table
- Babysitting course – possibly in early May
- Two movie nights/parent social – one for younger kids and one for tweens
- Tunes for Tots – the instructor’s name is Hope – for 7 mos to 1 yr olds
- Power Tots – gym class for 18 mos -2/3 yr olds

The last two activities might fit in well with the Village class structure. Melissa said she would welcome any further class suggestions the committee might have.

Evening or weekend classes are a possibility. To encourage more ideas, it was suggested that perhaps CRC could create another survey of Village residents and what activities they would like to see.

The Village would like to encourage CRC to assist in organized charitable drives/functions such as coat drives, food drives and military care packages. The Village Hall can be used as the collection point if CRC can take care of the preparation /delivery of the items. The committee will also think about possibilities for collecting and distributing to charities the “too nice to throw away” items that come in via Wednesday Trash Pick-Up.

The Committee also discussed working with the Senior group and (Chevy Chase at Home) to organize more activities (Mah Jong?, Bridge?) as well as spread the word to neighbors about the benefits of membership in Chevy Chase at Home.

The creation of a “Take a book, leave a book” area at the Village Hall was discussed. The next deadline to have something in the Crier is Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Minh will write something similar to the Senior Corner about CRC activities for the Crier.

The next step in starting up the Toddler Group is to choose a day and time for it to meet.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.