

Seymour Pride Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday April 13, 2009

7:00 p.m., Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

**Members Present:** Kristen Scianna, Joe Todice, Dwight Wildman, Kim Osgood

**Members Absent:** Kevin Baxter, Jan Moir

**Meeting called to order:** 7:15 p.m. by Kristen Scianna

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Kim to approve March 9, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes, Joe seconded, 4 in favor, 2 absent, motion carried.

**Update s on Committee's Status with Town:**

- Kim reported that we are now on the town website.
- Kristen read through and discussed the questions that were emailed to Dee Caruso. The pride committee will have its own website until a future date at [Seymourpride@hotmail.com](mailto:Seymourpride@hotmail.com). The committee is able to use the town tax identification number and will be covered under town insurance at our events. We are still awaiting more information on our fundraising status. We are able to design our own logo, t-shirts and signs.
- Joe mentioned that when we do start fundraising we need to know how to collect the funds. Kristen discussed inviting a member of the Finance Board to our next meeting to talk with us about how to handle that aspect of the committee.
- Kim discussed also inviting a member from the Public Works Department and the Parks Commission to the next meeting to discuss our committee and how we can work with them.

### **Update on Seymour Clean-Up Day:**

- Kim reported that the clean-up day is still planned for Sunday May 17. Kim spoke to Jimmy at Zois and he gave her a hand-out with all of the details for the day. It was discussed with the committee and we all agreed that we should try to be in an area that we are well seen as this is our kick-off event. Kim will speak to Jimmy before the next meeting and try to have our committee assigned to the area at the bottom of Exit 22.

### **Create a schedule for clean-up days:**

- The committee discussed and decided that the best day to do a clean-up would be the Sunday after our monthly meetings so we can organize beforehand. Kim or Kristen will contact Dee Caruso and discuss how we should go about getting the schedule approved with the town.

### **Discuss T-shirts and Logos:**

- Kristen and Kim had met with Nu-Age Designs and came up with a t-shirt and logo design. We received an estimate and after talking with Kevin who has had shirts done in the past decided it was a reasonable price. The committee agreed on the blue shirt with gold lettering. We also decided that we would pay for our individual shirts until fundraising takes place. It was agreed upon that we would keep the shirts for the board members only at this point and we will wear the shirts at all of our events.
- Kristen will call Nu-Age and place the order for the shirts before the next meeting.

### **Discuss Shelton Sports complex fundraiser:**

- Kristen and Joe met with Alan from the Sports Center of Ct. in Shelton, who had approached the committee with some possible fundraising ideas. They would open the Center on Saturday evening during the summer and we would split the ticket sales fifty fifty with them for use of the facilities. The committee discussed and felt that this would be an outstanding first fundraiser that would be very professional and easy to put together. The committee decided that we would tentatively book it for July 11, 2009 pending approval from the town.
- Kristen or Kim will contact Alan and Dee to confirm dates and get approval from the town.

**Other Business:**

- Kristen thought it would be a good idea for the committee to come up with a welcome basket for new home owners in Seymour that would highlight local businesses and services. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea and that it would be a good winter project for us to work on.
- Kim mentioned that it might be a good idea to see if we could be in the Memorial Day Parade. If we walked the route and gave out candy with a label on it with the email address for some good publicity. Kim will look into how we might be able to do that.
- Kristen had talked to Jack Ahearn at the Parks and Rec to sign up for a pre-school program, and he mentioned how they had a lot of applicants but not enough staff to cover. She thought it would be a good idea to have a rotating volunteer schedule for the committee to help out at the Rec center. Kim will try to get in touch with Missy and see if we could help in any way.
- Kim mentioned that the Land Trust was looking for volunteers to help with their clean-ups and she had mentioned our committee to one of the members and he invited us to speak at their meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The group discussed that this would be a great opportunity to work with another part of the town who also might be able to help us too down the line. Kristen and possibly Joe will attend that meeting.
- Kim will attend the Budget meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and will report back with the details.

**Adjournment:** Kim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Osgood

Secretary