
Access For All – Mahwah Minutes

April 4, 2022

Opening 7:00 pm

Attendees: Members

Member	Attended	Absent	Member	Attended	Absent
Johanna Bacaan	X				
Susan Straffin	X		Denise Shabet-CERT	X	
Mike Kelly		X	Michelle Paz-Councilperson	X	
Don Minassian		X	Matthew Park, Board of Ed		X
Meg Minassian		X			
Katie Ross	X				
Christine Ervin		X			
Kathryn Bell		X			
Maryann Mauro	X				
John Ryan	X				
Jessica LoPiccolo	X				

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Virtual Zoom Meeting

- 1. Salute to the Flag**
- 2. Roll Call of Commission Members**
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/10/22**
- 4. Officer's Report and Business**
 - Ben K discussed pros/cons of a 501C3
 - We can still use the Senior Center but we must now have our own insurance as well as Mahwah day/parade or any other functions. He said not expensive
 - May lose office in town hall
 - Trust account can accept money
 - As a 501C3, we can now do Pos on our own vis via town
 - Can solicit donation that would be placed in general trust
 - Should be able to setup a go fund me like page
 - Can't share 501C3 with another organization
 - Can't get stipends like other commissions
 - Need to go before council for approval to become 501C3
 - 501C3 should focus on specific ASKS/Requests-aka donation boards for specific park
 - Try network with chamber of commerce which is regional committee (Ask Mike Kelly)
 - Speak at next chamber commerce in future
 - Ben took down a few questions he will investigate and get back to AFA about.
 - 2022 Budget still not approved
 - Received donations from 3 families on behalf of Richard Kunz (Emily grandfather)
 - Ben gave us kudos about presentation as well as organized monthly budget layout

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- John also reviewed 2 folks were interested in helping AFA post mtg.

5. Event Recap

- 3/18/22 St. Patrick's Day Dance party. No issues. over 150 people in attendance. Room was full. Tons of positive comments. DJ was submitted for payment. Need to send 3 thank you's (Dancers, Bagpipers, Photographer) Katie will make 3 8 x 10 photos saying Thank you. Denise is ordering frames for pictures and then we can mail out via town hall. John had addresses and will send to Denise.
- Rock N Rollers 3/27/22 in concert at the Township Theater in Washington Township. No issues. 90 people in attendance. 2 students from Ramapo College helped. Theater rental was submitted for payment. John will write to 201 editor and will submit article to them about event to see if it gets published.
- Mamma Mia 3/30 AFA was invited to preview show by MHS Drama Club. AFA had 20 + families

6. Future Events

- LEAD Social hosted by Ramapo College. Ramapo reached out to use our amazing DJ
- All Star Softball 4/10 2 new coaches Bill and Jason. Sundays 1-2 pm 4/10 to 6/5 skipping Easter, Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend. Registration is open and capped at 30 and was opened on Sunday 4/3. So far 20. Request for buddies went to Ramapo College and Plant Church. Got 4 so far. Recreation Dept. is donating Jerseys to the program. (John will pick up) John/Christine will be there Sunday 4/10. John got key for equipment locker (tees/bases), softballs and jerseys for Sunday
- 4/29/22 Bingo "live" at the Senior Center with DJ Scott Rubin as our bingo caller. Posted to FB/Email and already 65 rsvp's. Plan on 5:30 pm setup time. Prize donations from Shay's mom to give out of very nice backpacks/tumblers are in our office. We need to prepare gifts for bingo and door prizes. We agreed to also do door prizes so to get others chance to win to make more exciting. No backdrop for this event but let's setup tent. All wear blue to recognize April Autism Month.
- 5/13 Zumba Shay event. Shay would like special t-shirts for her/dancers. (Jessica). DJ Scott is booked. Rita's need to get booked (Johanna)
- Commons BBQ 5/15. Meg to send more details she stated via email
- Pony Power – late May. AFA to host booth maybe but seen no info and right now looks like busy month.
- 6/25 June Social. 8th grade dance is planned for 6/24 Fri. Michelle has email to principal and dance person if AFA can use facility on 6/25/ Sat. John will reach out to DJ Scott if avail for

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above and plan b dance date. Plan B would be summer themed dance party outside on patio if Scott is free.

- July TBD. All agreed Drive in Movie is perfect. Thursday is first choice, stay away from Friday. John will reach out to Laura about dates/movies.

Supplies to Order (Denise)

8 x 10 frames to use as thank you' s, duct tape, idea for permanent name tags when we host events, Place re-order of last T-shirt order for 100 shirts in S/M/L/XL. Don't need 2x/3x right now. Name tags that say my is.

Other items Discussed

Mahwah Matters mailer – very limited options what we can say

2023 ideas-Easter egg Hunt, Kindness Rocks Painting

Note: Kathryn was absent from the AFA meeting so John Ryan took these notes at the meeting and Kathryn typed it up.

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Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm

Next Meeting May 2nd, 2022 at 7:00 pm will be in person

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