

NEWVILLE FOUNTAIN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
March 10, 2022 at 7:00PM

A meeting of the Newville Borough Fountain Festival Committee was held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Newville Borough Office, 4 West Street, Newville, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carolyn Kough. Members present included: Cathy Graver, Bob Kanc, Joe and Liz Knouse, Clarence Fry, James Burkholder, Nathan Gibson, Fred Potzer. Joey Diehl was absent due to another commitment in Shippensburg.

Festival Date and Theme: The 25th Annual Newville Fountain Festival will be held on June 17-18, 2022. The theme will be “25 Years of Fountain Festival Fun”.

Events Report:

Friday, June 17, 2022:

- *Food, craft and community service vendors – 57 invitations have been mailed.*
- **Porch Decorating Contest:** The Lions Club has been contacted with a request to sponsor the porch decorating contest. No response thus far.
- **Historical Presentation:** Newville Historian Robert Over will give a presentation on the history of Newville at Ingram Hall in the Zion Lutheran Church on Friday evening at 8:00PM.
- **A Master of Ceremonies is needed for the Trivia Contest.** John McCrea was suggested. Mr. Over has questions prepared for the contest. Check with the library or April Messenger for the buzzers.
- **Parade:** The parade forms on Broad Street at 6:00PM and will start at 7:00PM. Bob Kanc reported the Kiwanis Club will have 5-6 volunteers to line-up the parade. Judges will include W. Irvin Nelson, Joey Diehl and Bob Kanc. Green Ridge Village was contacted. Residents have been invited to participate with decorated golf carts. The borough truck and trailer are available to carry members of the Shippensburg Swing Band if they wish to participate in the parade.
- **Line Dance:** Mrs. Kough has contacted Scott Donato to serve as MC for the parade and to conduct the Tractor Twang Line Dance afterward.
- **Shippensburg Swing Band:** It was confirmed that the Shippensburg Swing Band will play from 4:30PM to 5:30PM on Friday night.
- **Jim Burkholder reported that WEMA will be marking the spaces for the vendors one week in advance of the event.** On Friday, June 17, 2022 at 2:00PM WEMA will begin to position vendors. On Saturday the start time is 6:00AM. There will be **NO CRAFT VENDORS** permitted to set up on Friday evening. WEMA may also have a fundraising stand, if manpower is available to staff. Lighting for the Parsonage Street food vendors was discussed. Several trees have been removed along the first block. The borough will investigate alternatives to light this area. WEMA offered its balloon light.
- **Nathan Gibson is a civil war re-enactor who represents the PA 69th Irish Volunteers.** Several members will stage an encampment on the front lawn of the

Knouse home at 1 Parsonage. The re-enactors will march in the parade behind the Marine Corps Color Guard.

- Color Guard: Alan Hostetter of the USMC Lewis B. Puller Detachment of Carlisle has offered to provide the color guard to lead the parade with a bag piper.

Saturday, June 18, 2022:

- Breakfast: The Friendship Hose Company will serve breakfast from 7AM to 10AM on Big Spring Avenue, A thirty foot space is needed.
- 5K Run: Chuck Egger has been contacted and is planning for the event.
- Baking Contest: Cathy Graver confirmed that the Big Spring Senior Center will sponsor the event. The Board of Directors will serve as judges. Five gift certificate prizes of \$20 each have been offered. Gary Mentzer will be asked to auction off the baked goods. The time of the event is 9:00AM.
- Cemetery Tours: Newville Historian Jane Graham was contacted and she is planning to conduct a tour of the Big Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery on Saturday morning. Time TBA.
- Tractor Show: Harry Barrick was contacted but did not respond to an invitation for the tractor show. The committee suggested inviting the Carlisle Drifters Car Club to attend. The cars will be located on the west end of Parsonage Street. Contact Rodney Clouser at Barrick Trucking.
- Pony Rides: Winsome Farm has confirmed they will provide the pony rides on Saturday from 10AM to 2PM, on Heller Street.
- Duck Derby: Cathy Graver reported prizes will be purchased from 5 Below. Tickets will be sold. Tentative time: 11AM to 11:30AM in the Fountain.
- Civil War Camp: The PA 69th Irish Brigade will have 6-8 members participating in an encampment at 1 Parsonage St.
- Mr. Mike's Dinosaur Show: This event will be sponsored once again by the Big Spring Kiwanis Club.
- Music: Mrs. Kough has contacted the Klinger-McFry Band to play on Saturday from 12 Noon to 3PM.
- Red 102: Mrs. Kough will check with Ray Thomas about radio announcements and possibly a live broadcast on Saturday morning.
- Mayor Croutch has asked the Newville Police to sponsor the Kona Ice Truck.

Miscellaneous Items:

Mrs. Kough reported she will be sending letter of invitation to the Cumberland County Commissioners, PA State Representatives Barb Gleim and Torren Ecker, Senator Judy Ward, Congressman John Joyce, PA State Police, Cumberland County Sheriff, Newville Police Chief Todd Koser to participate in the parade.

Dan Sheaffer of the Newville Print Shop will donate posters. The committee agreed to purchase brochures from Mr. Sheaffer for the event.

Soda and water stand. The committee needs someone to coordinate the soda, water and ice store room in the garage of Joe and Liz Knouse. Three workers are needed Friday and Saturday.

Volunteers are needed to sell soda and water during the event.

Joey Diehl is looking into 25th anniversary T-shirts as a possible fundraiser.

Mayor Crutch must be contacted to arrange for security and traffic control for the event.

A suggestion was made by Ed Beidelsbach to ask Dave Schoonover and Paul Reed to video tape the festival and possible have a drone flyover during the parade. The committee supported this suggestion.

Mr. Kough reported that Chamberlin Wingert Sanitation has bid \$1,175 to provide 3 restrooms and 3 sinks. One restroom will be handicapped accessible.

DHL cannot supply bottled water. It was suggested that the Big Spring Pharmacy be contacted.

Cathy Graver offered that her husband Bob has a High Striker. He would like to offer it for the festival. The members thought this would be something different for the festival and agreed to support the High Striker.

At this time the critical needs of the Festival Committee are workers to man the soda/water warehouse, someone to coordinate volunteers to staff the three soda/water stands.

Donations are welcome. Local businesses interested in sponsoring a festival event should contact Carolyn Kough at (717) 776-3533.

Next Meeting:

With no further business to come before the Fountain Festival Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

The next meeting of the Newville Fountain Festival Committee will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Newville Borough Office.

Minutes recorded by:

Fred Potzer