

NATURE FEST JANUARY 12 PLANNING MEETING NOTES

Folks Attending: Nancy Monroe, Drew Woodall, Alan Candee, Wendy Appleby, Lynn Schardt, Howard Hiemke, Jessie Anderson, Mignon Geli, Ray Griffith, Susan Whittington, Kim Taylor, Buzz Chernoff, Tamara Johnson, Michael Smith Sharai Smith, Meg Hiemke.

Buzz reported that Mark Koontz said we could use the amphitheater stage on a limited basis and that once he knew what we had in mind, he would make accommodations. It was decided that if we use the stage, it would be only the front apron and stairs.

Buzz reported that he was still trying to get in contact with Jackie Morgan about the porta potties, and Vicki Liddicoat about being the vendor coordinator. Susan gave him Vicki's e-mail address.

Wendy and Nancy said that they are in contact with Catie about putting up the facebook page and once she had the information she would do it.

Kim reported that she completed the GDRD event permit paperwork and has handed it in. We will also need a vendor liability statement for GDRD which does not have to be done until the day of the event.

Nancy proposed a mission statement which was agreed upon and she will get it to Catie to post on the facebook page.

Nancy and Sharai made up a save the day flyer which everyone liked. They will have it put on the facebook page.

We discussed the different areas in the Nature Area that could be used as activity centers, but postponed any decisions until after our meeting and tour of the Nature Area on Jan 31.

Drew voiced concern about getting folks to actually go into the Nature Area and the importance of having a lot of activity on top near the amphitheater in order to obtain a critical mass, and have a place for folks to socialize, especially those only coming for a short period of time. This led to a discussion about having unaccompanied kids in the Nature Area with the general conclusion that most of the kids activities should be on the top, in the amphitheater, at the top of the amphitheater and the adjoining ball fields. Strategies for getting kids into the Nature Area were discussed, and along with the passport discussed at the previous meeting, it was agreed that we could have kids collect beads from different activity areas in the Nature Area and string them on to a bracelet or necklace that they could then take to their school classes for extra credit. Jessie will talk to teachers at the ARCS about this; Lynn will cover Northside; and Wendy Georgetown and Otter Creek schools. The kids could be accompanied by pied pipers/musicians.

The importance of getting kids to the event was discussed and Alan and Michael said they would be happy to do a short assembly presentation to students before the event.

Kim said she would talk to John Daniels about geocatching, and Mignon said she would talk to Joe Craven about being part of the festival.

The next meeting will be on Friday Jan. 23 at 4 pm in the Hut.