

PLE Committee Meeting Minutes 7.30.24

Date: Tuesday, July 30th, 2024

Time: 3:30pm

Location: 104 Blohm Ave, Effingham, IL in person

Attendees: Felicia Depoister, Samantha Hicks, Katy H., Toby D., Cody B., Libby K., Brandy S.

- **August Candlelight Vigil**

- Date: Saturday, August 31st, 6-8:30pm
- Location- Bliss Park, Effingham
 - Permit obtained for event
- Photo discussion
 - Sam stated she has put in a purchase order for the items needed for the event. She also stated to ask people to bring photos or email them to her ASAP to print them off. Sam has a corkboard, but it may not be big enough. Felicia mentioned a large corkboard she saw at Silk Purse for \$2.00. Sam will check this out after the meeting.
- Food updates
 - Cupcakes from Homemade Happiness Baked Goods
 - Drinks & cups from Sweet Tea and Jesus
 - Snacks from Edgewood Full Gospel CR
 - ROSC can bring water, ice, and coolers. It was discussed where to obtain ice as large bags of ice are \$6.00. Libby mentioned the Elks and DVA for ice donation. Libby will contact and let the group know. Sam and Katy will bring 2 large coolers. Libby also offered to bring a veggie tray.
- Speakers
 - Brandy will ask Adam S. if he is interested in sharing. The group was OK with the open sharing format for anyone who is at the event and interested like last year. Multiple people came up and shared.
- T-shirts/crafts
 - Felicia, Katy, and Libby will be in charge of collecting crafts and decorating!
 - Felicia mentioned a contact that came last year- Dondi Clay. She thinks she has a "Better Together" campaign for reducing stigma in St. Louis. Felicia suggested reaching out to her as she mentioned t-shirts last year. Sam will reach out to Dondi.
- Flyers and media!
 - Please share on social media and in physical locations. Sam passed out flyer for members to hang up in various locations.

- Sam and Felicia have an interview with Cromwell in August to discuss this event. Sam will get in contact with Premier Broadcasting as well for a FB live interview.
- **September Smores Recovery Panel**
 - Date: Saturday, September 14th, 5pm
 - Edgewood Legion Lake
 - Toby got the banner donated by Pepsi for this event. He will pick it up sometime this week from Pepsi.
 - Food/entertainment update
 - New Hope Church has donated a gift card from Walmart to help with purchases for S'more supplies & chips. Sam will pick it up this week to see how much it is and go from there.
 - Felicia has a \$20 gift card from IGA which could cover buns. EFG will cover condiments.
 - Sam will ask Nuxoll or McMahon Meats for 90 hot dogs, then go from there (Save-A-Lot, ALDI)
 - Sam asked about cooking the hot dogs—Felicia, Sam, and Katy have a lot of roasting sticks that will be sufficient.
 - Brandy asked about the music. Sam said we have a speaker we can use. Brandy asked if we can have live music. Sam said of course! Brandy will ask her contacts.
 - Felicia and Toby will bring bags to play. There are horse shoes at the lake. Playground and basketball hoop for kids. Pond for fishing.
 - Speakers are Katy H. from CR and Eric K. from NA
- **October events**

Sam mentioned to be thinking about collecting candy for these events. Discussion about a truck and trailer took place. Cody may have a truck and trailer to use- TBD. Libby suggested buying customized wristbands for cheap to pass out. Sam will look into this.

 - Sunrise Rotary parade
 - Cornerstone Trick or Treat Street
 - Heartland Human Services Trunk or Treat

Next PLE meeting: Tuesday, August 20th @ 3:30pm at 104 Blohm Ave in Effingham.