

Minutes of the Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting  
August 28, 2019  
10:15 am

Present: Rita Farrell, Christine Robinson, BZ Reilly, Christine Marglin  
Guests: Karen Traub, and Jen Taylor

Approval of minutes from August 7, 2019.

Since Elizabeth has resigned from the committee, Jen is considering joining.

Karen is visiting to discuss Celebrate Shutesbury. Jessica has been handling it entirely and is overwhelmed, so Karen has taken on entertainment organizing and is generally supporting Jessica. Jessica and Karen are the entire committee for the event. Karen particularly enjoyed the historical play about Shutesbury a few years ago. She got a cultural grant to create the Tavern of Time, this year without a budget, they will hold a small version of the play as a time machine. There will also be a flash mob at noon with music. She would like to know what we would like to do at the CS day event. Karen is the promotional person for the event and is hoping someone can make a great poster. Also needed is a clipboard person to check people off and answer questions. The library will do their book sale, there will be music and entertainment, a donut eating contest, PTO will sell merchandise, there will be a tag sale, hopefully baseball radar, nonviolent communication training.

Set up at 9, the event starts at 10 and goes until 2.

Jen is able to make the poster.

Set up and clean up is needed, bringing chairs, recycling bins. Answering questions is an important job, including parking questions.

[happydancermom@gmail.com](mailto:happydancermom@gmail.com) is Karen's email address.

Jen has an eight year old in SES and would love to see more happening in town recreationally. Jen's husband is in the fire department, and she notes that the FD is interested in having more events in town.

BZ hands out copies of the library's fall schedule of classes and events.

Yoga teachers are now being paid \$40 per class.

We are to ask COA for funding for winter months' classes and we can put a notice in the town newsletter that will be out in September.

Strength Training is being taught by Jay McWilliams on Saturdays. We need to ask if he is teaching Tuesday as well or if Tuesday will replace Saturday's class. We need to clarify who is teaching origami and leading a mushroom talk and walk. Kathy is willing to help with registration for her classes, we will have to handle payment of \$5 per class, with the committee making up the shortfall if any. Kathy's classes begin September 19: advanced strength training and therapeutic yoga, on Thursdays, at 9 and 10:15.

Who is teaching Zumba Gold class?

We need to create a calendar of all classes.

Promoting classes that we are responsible for on library Facebook page may or may not be possible, we can ask. Jen has found that individually inviting people through FB is most effective for getting people to turn out to events.

Jen is also trying to start a regular family game night, and the library as tentatively listed a one-night family game night. The question arises about space for these events. Town hall spaces are not also available or optimal for all events.

Jen notes that Christine R has talked about starting town sports teams. Other family events can be potlucks, ice skating on the lake.

Next meeting could be used to talk about new programming and promoting events.

Our classes and events can be promoted on Nextdoor, FB, Roadtown, the town newsletter and the town website.

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Next meeting: September 18 at 10:15.