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**MINUTES**  
**STATHAM EVENTS COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, August 26, 2024**  
**6:30pm**

**A. Call to Order**

Chairperson Christine Bogenrieder called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Committee Members present: Christine Bogenrieder, Kristi Royston, and Gary Venable.

Community Members present: Tim Terilli, Dana Mann, Debi Krause, Dean Coy, and Betty Lyle.

**B. Approval of the July 22, 2024 Minutes**

Kristi Royston made a motion to accept with a second by Gary Venable. Approval passed unanimously.

**C. Back to School Event Recap**

Everyone felt the event went well. The vendors told committee members they had a good night and included that people not attending the trivia event walked up and bought items. It came in under budget even needing the Porta Potty because of the Community Center pipe issues.

**D. Sunflower Festival News**

Betty Lyle shared the Sunflower Festival update. She recently met with Mayor Krause. The spaces are sold out and they've started a cancellation list. The layout will be completed in a few days. The Event Committee and The Halloween Committee booths will be beside each other since they share many of the same members. There will be a community meeting at 6:30pm, on September 9.

**E. Porchfest News**

Tim Terilli provided the Porchfest update. He shared that there will be 10 porches, 20 bands, a storyteller, a beginner drawing lesson, and a beginner guitar lesson. The headliner will play on the Terilli's porch. After the event, there will be more live music at Edee's.

Workers are needed for the Information Table. There will be printouts with the map and schedule. Apalachee High School BBQ Club will be selling food.

**F. Halloween Scavenger Hunt (October 19)**

The group hopes to involve local businesses and incorporate Statham's history. There will be a cost to play and a chance to win prizes. The committee will continue to work out details. High-level ideas including riddles or clues to locations were discussed. Participants would get cards stamped and submit them when completed. Winners would then be drawn.

**G. Boo on Broad**

Sponsors are needed. Statham Elementary School Gym is secured for the event. The tentative registration time is 7:00am. Debi Krause mentioned that her daughter is the Apalachee High School basketball coach and the players might be willing to help.

**H. Monster Mash (October 26, 6:00pm – 10:00pm)**

110 tickets available for the dance at the American Legion with about 25 already sold. Details are on Eventeny. There will be a DJ and costumes.

**I. Trick or Treating (October 31, 5:00pm – 9:00pm)**

Gary Venable provided the Trick or Treating updates. He shared that Home Depot donated a 12-foot skeleton and that there are currently four sponsors with more needed. He estimated that 4,000 pieces of candy would cost \$400. Downtown will be decorated on September 22 and the committee wants to encourage early decorations throughout the community. There will be photo spots throughout the area. Food trucks will include Night Sky Coffee, Pizza Flambe, and Woozie Wagon.

The committee discussed the idea of a pumpkin carving/decorating contest for local businesses. Statham Police Department will provide security. The Tree Committee will buy banners.

**J. Veterans Day Ceremony and Banner Update (November 9)**

Chairperson Bogenrieder shared that the deadline to purchase veteran banners was approaching. The banners might be ordered even if the required minimum isn't met.

**K. Holiday Market, Parade, and Tree Lighting (November 30)**

The market will be 3:00pm – 8:00pm. The parade will start at 6:00pm.

Committee Members Shannon Patterson and Lacie Dooley are getting the parade application ready.

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of the Antique Shops having their open house the same night.

**L. RomCom Trivia Night (February 15, 2025, 6:00pm – 9:00pm)**

A brief discussion on holding this trivia event in the Community Center.

**M. St. Patrick's Day Parade and Paws for a Cause 5k (March 15, 2025)**

The 5k will be first and the parade will start at 11:00am.

Money from the 5k will go to Statham's Dog Park. The committee discussed and liked the idea of having a green clover and using the phrase "Clover for Rover".

**N. Makers Market / Art in the Alley (April 12, 2025)**

Vendor tables in the Community Center like they were in 2024 and extend to outside.

**O. Cities Week (April 20 – 26, 2025)**

On the calendar but no plans yet.

**P. May – June – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in Statham Food Trucks**

After discussion, it was decided that Friday nights would be better than Saturdays. Tentatively, these are planned for the third Friday of each month.

Discussions continued for May and June, 2025 activities including DJs and bands for a street dance.

**Q. Summer Kickoff (June 7, 2025, 8:00am – 12noon)**

A continuation of the ideas and themes of the 2024 event. Statham will need to check Winder's date so they aren't held on the same day.

**R. July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration (July 5, 2025)**

High-level discussion of activities including fireworks.

**S. Budget Update**

Chairperson Bogenrieder stated the committee is under budget for the year so far.

**T. Any Other Discussion About Events and Event Issues**

The committee discussed and determined that there should be a Help Tent for events. It could also be the location for Lost and Found.

Chairperson Bogenrieder expressed her appreciation to the group for sharing ideas and helping with events.

**U. Adjourn**

Gary Venable made a motion to adjourn with a second from Kristi Royston. The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm with a unanimous vote.