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**MINUTES**  
**STATHAM EVENTS COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, May 30 .2024**  
**6:30pm**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Christine Bogenrieder called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Committee Members present: Christine Bogenrieder, Lacie Dooley, Shannon Patterson, Kristi Royston, Mickey Smith, and Gary Venable.

Community Members present: Mark Smith, Ayden Statia, Mayor Debi Krause.

**2. Approval of the April 22, 2024 Minutes**

Mickey Smith made a motion to accept with a second from Lacie Dooley. Approval passed unanimously.

**3. Review of Maker's Market (April 27, 9:00am – 3:00pm)**

The event went really well. Vendors want to come back. There were comments that it was dark in the building. New lights have been installed. The event made \$400.

**4. Statham Summer Kickoff Event (June 1, 9:00am – 12Noon)**

Lacie created and shared a map of booth locations. Set-up will start at 7:30am. Committee members will work the first three stations: Hydration, Snack Bags, and Books. Each child can receive a snack bag and choose a book.

The first 100 attendees will receive one free shaved ice. After that, they'll be \$4/each with \$0.50 donated to the Committee to help pay for the July 6 fireworks.

**5. Star Spangled Statham (July 6, 5:00pm – 9:00pm)**

Volunteers arrive at 3:00pm.

The Fundraising continues for this event; the current amount collected is \$7700. The check has been sent to the fireworks company.

There will be food trucks, an inflatable, a DJ, and more. Four porta-potties, including one ADA-compliant, will be available.

Multiple sponsors donated an amount that allowed them to have a tent at the event. Those need to be purchased.

**6. Back to School/Educator Appreciation (August 24, 6:00pm to 9:00pm)**

The start time was changed from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

There will be trivia at the Community Center.

**7. Sunflower Festival (September 21, 8:00am – 5:00pm)**

The Committee hasn't completed an application yet.

**8. Porchfest (September 29)**

Bands are being lined up. There will be one porta-potty (ADA-compliant). There will no longer be food trucks.

It was mentioned that maybe we could have t-shirts and yard signs.

Lacie Dooley is creating a website. We briefly discussed newspaper ads and sizes.

**9. Halloween Events (Month of October)**

Discussions continued for all October events.

October 19 Scavenger Hunt: We won't use an app because of costs. There will be an entrance fee for participants.

October 26 Monster Mash and Boo on Broad 5k: The dance will either be at the Community Center or the American Legion.

October 31 Trick or Treating

Downtown will be decorated. This includes banners, lights, and flower beds.

**10. Veterans Event (November 9)**

The chili cookoff discussion continued. This included the possibility of charging a fee and the proceeds going to the American Legion. Mayor Krause commented that she has been involved with these before and the ROI is not usually great. The committee would like to try it and see how it goes.

Gary Venable shared what he learned about the pricing for the veteran dedication banners. They are 18" x 36" and cost between \$55 - \$60 without hardware.

Chairperson Bogenrieder shared information on Remember Georgia's Fallen and the possibility of having that on display.

## **11. Christmas Festivities (December 7)**

We have people who have agreed to be Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause. The library will have the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who. There will also be a train conductor for Polar Express.

Mickey Smith offered to check on getting a Christmas Tree.

There will be a fee to be in the parade, possibly \$25.

Timeline: Parade at 6pm, then light the tree, then photos with Characters.

Discussion continued on the possibility of a choir or possibly a bell choir.

## **12. Other Business**

A local artist, Ayden Statia, presented ideas for a Statham mural.

This year's remaining budget and the 2025 budget request were briefly mentioned.

## **13. Adjournment**

Lacie Dooley made a motion to adjourn with a second by Shannon Patterson. With a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.