

**Franklin Borough**  
**Recreation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for**  
**November 4, 2021**

This meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by the Chairwomen, Mrs. Formica, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mrs. Formica read the statement on compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975"

**ROLL CALL OF MEMEBERS:**

Mrs. Bobbi Formica – Chairwomen (present)  
Mrs. Patty Carnes - Co-Chairwomen (present)  
Mr. Scott Davis – Treasurer (absent)  
Mr. Stephen Skellenger - Council Liaison (present)  
Mrs. Christina Sanchez – Member (present)  
Mr. Concetto Formica – Member (absent)  
Mrs. Darlene Pallay – Member (absent)  
Mrs. Theresa Nahrwold – Member (present)  
Mrs. Barbara Castania – Member (absent)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**October 21 meeting minutes:**

October 21, 2021 meeting minutes are being tabled to the next recreation meeting because there were not enough members to vote on approval.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:**

There was no one from the public in attendance.

**COMMITTEE REBORT**

**Treasure's Report –**

No changes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Senior luncheon –**

Mrs. Formica stated 3-5 seniors came to pick up lunch so there were a lot of leftovers.

Mrs. Formica stated Mrs. Tatka and family showed and was very overwhelmed with joy.

Mrs. Formica stated Mrs. Tatka was given flowers and Congressman Gottheimer's office was there with a representative and they flew a flag over the capital building and she was awarded that.

Mrs. Formica stated Mrs. Tatka's sign was not here at the time, but it is here and will be given that at the council meeting Tuesday night. And her family and girl scouts will be there.

Mrs. Formica stated the leftover lunches were put in the concession stand refrigerator. She called the Franklin House and Concetta Towers, they could not accept them. And called Westwind Manor and they could not accept them either, so she reached out to Tamara Contreras, she contacted a food pantry in Sparta and they were able to pick up all the lunches and distribute them on Tuesday. So, nothing went to waste.

### **Halloween Parade/Trunk or Treat –**

Committee expressed the parade went well and everyone had a great time.

Mrs. Formica stated next year in August they should put a post out for volunteers to help at the parade/trunk-or-treat.

Committee discussed the parade and trunk-or-treat and things they could improve next year.

Committee noted the turn out was large and they heard families from other towns even came out.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Franklin Quilters –**

Mrs. Formica stated Robin Schulman reached out to recreation to ask if we could sponsor the Franklin Quilters Club so they could use the senior center.

Mrs. Sanchez asked if they are allowed to sponsor them.

Mrs. Formica stated yes, it was only for certificate of insurance purposes so they can use the senior center for quilting.

Mrs. Sanchez stated ok.

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to sponsor the quilters club.

Mrs. Sanchez made the motion to sponsor the Franklin Quilters Club to use the senior center.

Second by Mrs. Carnes.

#### **Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Nahrwold

**NAYS:** none

**ABSTENTIONS:** Mr. Skellenger

#### **Tree Lighting –**

Mrs. Formica stated the tree lighting was set for November 27 and to plan for a crowd.

Mrs. Formica stated there are no outdoor restrictions for crowds or anything, so they were thinking to bring back the hot chocolate bar. They could use the urns for hot chocolate and make pre-filled bag of snacks.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she was thinking they could use the little plastic condiment cups to put the different candies/snacks in and people can take what they want.

Committee agreed and liked the idea.

Mrs. Formica stated it was already approved to order the urns from amazon, but never ordered them.

Mrs. Carnes stated she would send an email to the recreation secretary, Suzann Brush, with the exact item so she could order them.

Mrs. Sanchez asked if they had a Santa yet for photos.

Mrs. Formica stated they could find one.

Committee discussed photos with Santa and set up of photo ops. They discussed having two stations; one with Santa and a separate station without Santa.

Mrs. Formica stated they still had \$595.63 for holiday. That she did not think this year's budget went into the trust yet.

Committee reviewed the recreation accounts but could not find the deposit of the 2021 budget. Recreation secretary, Suzann Brush, stated she would follow-up with Corry in financing to get clarification on where the 2021 budget money is.

Mrs. Formica asked if they should set a budget for the Tree Lighting. Committee agreed.

Committee discussed what supplies and monies they would need.

Mrs. Carnes stated the coffee urns were approved in a past meeting but never ordered, so they just needed to be ordered. Committee agreed.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she put 5:00pm on the flyer for start time. Committee agreed.

Committee discussed decorations and putting up Christmas lights, and said they needed to determine if they needed more lights.

Mrs. Formica stated they needed to find the lights.

Recreation secretary, Suzann Brush, stated the tree lights are in the basement of the borough hall and the bridge lights are in the lifeguard shack.

Mrs. Formica asked if they wanted her to reach out to Sugar Sisters for the gingerbread contest, or if they wanted to do something different.

Committee discussed where to display the gingerbreads, and agreed on posting virtual.

Mrs. Sanchez stated they could set up a virtual thing for people to submit their photos.

Committee continued to discuss a budget for the Tree Lighting event.

Committee discussed the gingerbread and house decorating contest. Said they will discuss a budget for this at the next meeting.

Committee finalized a \$500 budget, for the Tree Lighting supplies only.

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to set a budget for the Tree Lighting.

Mrs. Carnes made the motion to set the Tree Lighting budget to \$500. Second by Mrs. Sanchez.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Nahrwold

**NAYS:** none

**ABSTENTIONS:** Mr. Skellenger

**Recreation Sign –**

Mrs. Formica stated there is a request from the Franklin Education Foundation to post the wrestling tournament for November 12<sup>th</sup> on the sign at the pond and there is a rabies clinic request to be posted too.

Mrs. Carnes asked what events they were going to allow be posted on the pond sign, that they should set a precedence of what can/can't be posted.

Committee agreed it should only be community events.

There were not enough members to vote on posting regarding the wrestling event.

Mrs. Carnes made the motion to post the town free rabies clinic to the sign at the pond. Second by Mrs. Sanchez.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Nahrwold

**NAYS:** none

**ABSTENTIONS:** Mr. Skellenger

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2:**

There was no one from the public in attendance.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Carnes asked about the charter for Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Formica stated she would reach out to Scott, as he normally handles that.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she would send a message to the Franklin Band to confirm availability for the Tree Lighting.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she just saw she had a message from them inquiring about the tree lighting. She followed up and confirm.

**AJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mrs. Carnes  
All were in favor.

\*The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm