

**Minutes from January 23, 2012, 7:30pm Rhythm & Ribs and NCF Meeting
Held at Utica High School Cafeteria**

R&R Announcements/Decisions

- The Hartford Fairgrounds has been reserved for the weekend of June 15th, 16th and 17th.
- The event will be one day on June 16th, but vendors and volunteers will be allowed on the grounds to set up the morning of the 15th, and campers will be allowed to check in the evening of the 15th. Campers will be allowed to stay until the morning of the 17th, and volunteers will be cleaning up on the 17th.
- Other venues were explored (OSU-N and The Energy Co-op) but ruled out since OSU-N does not allow other groups to use their site, and The Energy Co-op would allow us to use their site, but will not allow alcohol and cannot support camping. Both of these provide significant opportunities for fund raising.
- Julie VanWey and Nancy Welu agreed to spear head a 5K Obstacle Run on the morning of the 16th. The name is to be determined. Julie will need someone else to be responsible for the Beer Garden.
- Almost every band has contacted Jodi and asked about coming back to perform. Jodi will be working on how to schedule, since we are holding a 1 day event.
- Everyone wishing to spend money for the event must submit these to Jodi over the next 30 days in order to compile a budget to submit to the Finance Committee. The Kid Zone budget has been submitted (thank you Carrie).
- Lori indicated we will want to do a Poker Run on the 18th and Laura offered to contact the Homan's to share the date and venue to begin planning.
- We estimated last year's attendance (volunteers, vendors, guests) to be approximately 2,500. We hope to establish a more precise estimate at this year's event.
- Fair pricing per day for the event is currently estimated (only an estimate) at \$250 for the grandstand, \$20 for the Pavillion, \$40 for food vendors, \$25 for non-food vendors, or \$10 if no water or electric is needed, \$10 for camping, \$60 for restrooms, and \$10 for showers.
- Gary will contact Rob Pierpont to see if he can reach out to antique military vehicles.
- Bobbi & Deanne will reach out to Larry Morgan to see if he is available to display his car that weekend.

NFCF Announcements/Decisions

- We will support the athletic booster golf outing and steak fry. We will ask the athletic boosters to help us sell sponsorships simultaneously to seeking sponsors for the outing.
- The following statement was reviewed and approved by Jack McDonald, and the officers of the NFCF to provide to the Advocate (Mr. Weidig) in response to questions they have asked to write a follow-up article:

Here are the questions from Mr. Weidig's e-mail below:

"status of (1) fundraising for sports, (2) spring sports and (3) sports for next school year"

Joint response from NFCF and District Treasurer:

- (1) The North Fork Children's Foundation (NFCF) is working closely with the district Finance committee to raise the additional funds needed to pay for the 2011-12 extra-curricular activities. Over \$100,000 still needs to be raised. Planned fund raisers, along with spring pay to participate fees, private donations and booster organizations are potential sources for the funding. Planning is underway for the 2nd Annual Rhythm & Ribs Music and Food Festival, a 5K Obstacle Course Run, and sponsorship sales for the 2012-13 school year. NFCF Meetings are conducted monthly. Dates, times and meeting minutes can be found at www.nfcfoundation.com. Community members are encouraged to attend the February 27th meeting at 7:30 in the high school cafeteria.
 - (2) All spring extra-curricular activities will occur. This includes spring sports and academic extra-curricular activities. The ongoing fund-raising efforts are key to paying for these activities for the current academic year.
 - (3) The Foundation has requested the board address funding decisions for next year's extra-curricular activities during their March planning session. The goal would be to give the community as much lead time as possible to handle anticipated fees and participation in fund-raising, as required. Once the board decides on the district's ability to fund extra-curricular activities for 2012-13, the Foundation will work to help recommend strategies for funding. All community members are welcome to participate in the monthly meetings to share ideas.
- We need to come up with 2012-13 sponsorship packages for the Victory Garden, etc. Pam and Peg will work on this and welcome suggestions from anyone regarding their content. Pam needs to get with Gary to see who he has discussed providing services for the construction of the Victory Garden.
 - Peg will send Pam new instructions for signing up for the Kroger Cares program. We received a \$750 check for about a month and half. We could really use a volunteer to spear-head sign ups in the month of February. Contact Pam if interested.
 - We voted on/approved paying \$500 to Hite and Heath to prepare our 2011 tax return for the Foundation (Gary motioned, Julie seconded and all officers were in favor of proceeding).
 - As stated above, spring extra-curriculars are a 'go', and we need our volunteers to attend the next meeting February 27th, 7:30 at the high school cafeteria so we can raise the necessary funds to pay for this year's activities, and prepare for next year.
 - Approximate account balance is \$29,700.