

CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
YOUTH COMMISSION
May 21, 2012

PRESENT: Rich Pflueger, Theresa Toczykowski, Jean King, and Carnell Jones. New members Kim Sullivan and Si Edmondson were introduced. Sergeant Vassallo, Alderman Scott Schultz and Alderman Anthony Smith were also present.

ABSENT: Wayne Anderson and John Duhadway.

BIKE RODEO: This event was held on Saturday May 19th and was a big success. We had 57 kids register and gave out 58 helmets. The Holy Name of Jesus Youth Group showed up with lots of young helpers (and a few adults). They assisted with every facet of the event, including filling out paper work for bike and helmet registration, face painting, event registration, and keeping an eye on the kids in the obstacle course. Sergeant Vassallo was extremely helpful once again with organizing the event and engraving every bike that came within arm's reach. Tanisha King was also a big help with making sure the kids got the right size helmet. The juice pouches and water bottles were a big hit since it was such a warm day. The Mayor and several Aldermen also stopped by to say hello to the families (and thank you to the helpers). As always the big red fire truck was very popular.

We discussed some ideas for next year, including having hot dogs, making signs for the different tables/activities, having some trophies, and contacting St. Louis County Police helicopter.

FISHING DERBY: We have selected Saturday June 9th for this event. Rich and Scott will chair this event. Rich has contacted the Missouri Department of Conservation and they have reserved the lakes at the Missouri Veterans Home again for our morning fishing. The MDC will provide bags with fishing supplies for our young fishermen. John Jordan will provide ice for the event. We plan to pass out flyers with the Family Golf Night info. (which will be the following Friday, 6/15). Kim volunteered to check on possibly getting a couple inexpensive trophies for the kids.

FAMILY GOLF NIGHTS: Our dates for this event will be June 15th and August 10th. Carnell and Wayne have volunteered to chair these events. We have distributed flyers to the local schools. (Flyer included dates and times for the Family Golf Nights and the Fishing Derby.) We will get the hot dogs and buns for the event, and Mark will get the chips, juice, and water bottles.

YOUTH POOL PARTY: Our tentative date for this event is July 14th. We discussed this new date with Martha (Aquatics Director at the Rec. Center) to coordinate event around swim team events. Hopefully this new date will increase attendance. We discussed having activities or games for the kids to participate in. We also need to coordinate the food for this event. We will also have dilly bars and ice cream sandwiches from Dairy Queen for 'dessert'. We will purchase some Dairy Queen gift cards for attendance prizes.

NEW BUSINESS: Sergeant Vassallo asked the Youth Commission to consider sponsoring a DARE dance (or Youth dance). We discussed what would be involved in putting on a dance such as music, food, tickets, etc. Everyone volunteered to do a little research on how to plan this type of event. We may consider substituting this event for the trivia night during the Winter months.

We also discussed other methods to reach out to the kids such as social media.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY JUNE 18th, 2012, AT 7:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL.