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FALL FESTIVAL CANCELLATION

At its meeting on Tuesday, November 27, the FSRC Board considered whether we can continue to produce a Fall Festival in September, 2019. We sent a survey to residents asking them about this matter. We sent about 400 forms and only received 57 responses by the deadline. We extended the deadline for four more days, but we received only two additional responses. The results of the survey were as follows:

No one volunteered to serve as Festival Chair. 23 people said there should be a Festival next year, 16 said there should not be a Festival, and 20 had no opinion. 5 people who had already agreed to chair a venue said they would chair, and 54 said they would not. 20 people said they would serve on a venue committee, and 39 said they would not. There were not many comments.

The Festival is a major social event, and many people enjoy it, but workers are required to stage it.

Reasons for terminating the Festival:

- a. Some venues, like the Book Nook and Raffle, have already been eliminated.
- b. It is difficult to recruit volunteers for some activities, such as the Raffle.
- c. Residents are aging, and producing such an activity is increasingly difficult
- d. About 25% of Festival income comes from the Bargain Barn, Thrift Shop and Furniture Garages, and Gift Shop, and this income, for the most part, would continue to be received.
- e. Jewelry is sold throughout the year in the Thrift Shop. They would continue to sell all of the remaining jewelry in the Thrift Shop.
- f. Holiday items could be sold throughout the year in the Bargain Barn and some in the Thrift Shop.

g. The position of Festival Chair requires work throughout the year, and it would be difficult for venue chairs to perform all of the duties required if there were no Festival Chair.

We appreciate the dedication and work of all of our volunteers. However, as we all age, it is difficult to find enough volunteers for the extensive program we are administering.

Based on the information we have, it was moved that we not have a Fall Festival in 2019 and that the results of the survey be made available to the residents. It was seconded, and it passed unanimously, 12-0.

HELP NEEDED

We have many dedicated volunteers who perform a wide variety of tasks for the FOJ. Our Assistant Treasurers, Orinne Wiley, Bob Cahill, and Carol Middleton, have been our bookkeepers, and they have all been extremely helpful and conscientious. Carol would like to retire from this position, and we are looking for a replacement. She, like many here, would like to spend more time with her grandchildren.

We have used Quick Books for this task, and we have a computer and printer that are dedicated to this position. Please let us know if you might be willing and interested in accepting this position.

Byron Gilbreath, who has been our Treasurer for more than 10 years, also wanted to retire from this position. We are very fortunate to have found an excellent replacement for him. Cliff Jones has been serving as Treasurer for several weeks, and we are extremely pleased to have him join our administrative staff.

FSRC CHALLENGES

The FSRC Board has 15 members and one alternate member, who can attend meetings and vote when a

regular member is absent. Some of our members have served on the Board for many years. Our members are, for the most part, in their 80s and 90s, and we are not able to be as active as we were when the FSRC accepted the responsibility for the administration of the FOJ program in April, 2005.

The Fall Festival, as indicated above, has proved to be a challenge for us. This activity has been presented for most of the years of Foxwood Springs' existence. Numerous volunteers have worked to produce this event for many years. We regret that it is necessary for us to cancel this program for 2019, but we do not have enough volunteers to produce it now. We understand that many people enjoy the event, but we must be realistic about what we can continue to do as we age. In addition, we recognize that about 25% of the income for the Festival is earned in our year round venues, and we will not lose that income.

We currently have 10 FOJ recipients, most of whom are in Assisted Living. Our expenses have dramatically increased recently, and we need volunteers in crucial positions if we are going to be able to continue this important Foxwood Springs program.

Last year, we made a major exception and admitted six new FOJ residents who had to leave a senior living community that was forced to closed; we did so for humanitarian reasons because they had a very limited time, only a month, to find another such community. This is an exception to our policy that residents must live here for at least two years to be able to apply for assistance. We do not plan to make such an exception in the future.

Marjorie Slavens, Editor

DONATIONS, OCTOBER 6-DECEMBER 7, 2018

MEMORIALS

October, 2018

Allen, James & Dorothy/
Gladys Huscher

Althaus, Rick & Cathy/Gladys
Huscher

Angotti, Dorothy/Gladys
Huscher

Angotti, Ron/ Gladys Huscher
Bowman, Ray F. & M.

C./Gladys Huscher
Gough, Dorothy/Gladys

Huscher
Huscher, Ronald & Linda/
Gladys Huscher

Littrell, Craig & Janice/ Gladys
Huscher

Lytle, David & Laurian/Gladys
Huscher

Sayre, Herwana/Gladys
Huscher

Snowden, Clara B. Beth C., . &
Lyndell/Elaine Riney

Snowden, Jason & Angel/Elaine
Riney

Unknown/Elaine Riney

November, 2018

Ross, William & Linda/Gladys
Huscher

Virgo, Beverly/C. L. & Hazel
Duxbury

December, 2018

Andreasen, Alan &
Carol/Frances

Simcox

Clement, Connie/Frances
Simcox

Slavens, Marjorie/A. C. Cuppy
Slavens, Marjorie/Mildred

Slavens

Slavens, Marjorie/Gladys
Huscher

Virgo, Beverly/C. L. & Hazel
Duxbury

HONORARIA

McClure, Mary Lou/Jean
Addleman

DONATIONS

October, 2018

K. C. (DOC) Women's Fall
Retreat

Unknown

November, 2018

Lee' Summit Christian Church
CWF

Lee's'Summit Christian Church
Oak Grove Christian Church

Raymore Christian Church
CWF

Shade, Karl E.

Unknown

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