Craftsbury Recreation Committee 9/17/26.

4 PM start, 5:04 adjourn.

In attendance: Allie Hastings, Anne Hanson, Barb Strong, Francinne Valcour

Bike nights:

1st Bike Night-Storm cancellation

2nd Bike Night - had 2 families including Allie's (she hosted)

August -no one signed up to help and rec com members all out of town. Cancelled.

Allie is willing to try to promote this again for next year .

Swim Lessons: 16 children from Craftsbury participated . We paid approx. $4000.

We acknowledge the time is hard for working families-

There were 2 session options: daily 5 days of week 1 or 2.

Ally had an excellent instructor at 2 age levels, Sabrina Keller.

Barb will ask if we can have this instructor return.

Decision: to go forward with swim lessons for next year. Committee feels this investment is important and asks town to budget for it.

Old Home Day:

Barb Strong and Francinne Valcour did pre-organizing. The day went well. Good weather. Pet show, Old time games, Francinne ran table games with John making balloon animal rewards. We had 1 volunteer (Mabel Houghton) for an hour and otherwise Anne monitored the Bouncy House and Basetball bounce game. Volunteers Carol-Lynn Willean and Jim Raas ran old time games with great success. Parade had a good number of floats and was well attended. Recommend bounce house on NE side of Common next year-shadier.

Some queries for dunk tank and other events. Committee welcomes any new initiatives but they must come with volunteers to organize.

Trunk or Treat:

Decision not to have carved pumpkins this year.

We plan on costume parade at 5:00 PM, cider and donuts will be available. Hoping library will give away books and food shelf will have collection spot for donations.

Light parade is on December 12th--Planning meeting on Thursday, November 12, 4 PM.

- We should invite Lisa McCarthy (school principal). Involve music and art again. Last year one class had a pre-event spaghetti dinner fundraiser.
- We need to secure a conveyance for children so they are not walking and loose in the dark.
- Anne will talk to Salina-Mae French, the new art teacher to ask is she is willing to do lanterns with classes.
- HD Ireland truck-request.
- Solo stoves, possible hot cocoa.
- Anne will check with Angel Prescott if she is willing to lead this event, and what help is needed.

Open Gym:

Allie/Joe are willing to plug people into the spread sheet for opening/leading. To begin in January.