

Quarry Days Committee Meeting  
September 9, 2022

Present: Kathy George, Ken & Ardie Johnson, Candi Nelson, Kristi Zemke, John & Cassie Gaede, Pete Spartz, Amy Stafne, Sirena Samuelson

The Committee met to discuss the 2022 Quarry Days event. Highlights of the discussion included the following:

- Coronation went really well; microphone and podium were appreciated; 14 more sparkly curtains are needed eventually (they cost \$60/each); having the outgoing royalty and the non-crowned candidates in the parade was appreciated
- Bouncy houses/inflatables – sell tickets (or wristbands) so kids can come back if the inflatables are too busy; have a stop watch available; some groups thought the hours were too long and they felt like they were babysitters for parents in the beer tent
- Beer garden – positive comments about the new location
- Can Lego's be offered Saturday, too?
- Library Book Sale had the largest profits to date
- Post the schedule on the bandshell, beer stand, and bingo pavilion, too (besides the Kiosk)
- Can we get 2 more speakers for the portable speaker system?
- It would be helpful to have lights in the port-a-potties
- Clipboards are needed for parade sign up (so we don't have to borrow them from PHASE)
- 42 parade entries were counted
- Bingo – clarification: minors can play bingo with guardian supervision/presence
- Car show – picnic tables down the center of the street would be great
- Have a band that will appeal to youth/teens play prior to Coronation
- The Groove (band) was great – have them back for more
- Train Rides were great
- Maybe Bloody Mary's can be sold on Saturday (and Mimosas) – Lions? QD Committee fundraiser?
- Caricature booth – take polaroid pictures, pay, come back later? Have a display area available?
- Jail idea as fundraiser?
- Individual sponsorships were helpful (kiddie costume contest); send out sponsor opportunities now to give businesses time to budget/pay
- Food ran out – do we want a group that will specifically start at 8:00 p.m. (for the Street Dance)? Quarry Pizza?
- 2 unclaimed purchases from the PHASE craft booth were left at the Gazebo. If no one claims them, they can be used as button prizes next year

- The Sandstone History Center reported positive comments; Sandstone grads from the 1960s visited the History Center several times during the week and they had many visitors all day Saturday; great turn out for the Quarry tour
- Teen event suggestions: Sidewalk chalk drawing contest, canvas art, D&D, outhouse races (Fred Johnson), basketball tournament, scavenger hunt, dance off
- Quarry Kids Child Care Center was a huge draw for kids. They offered 4 different activities all day Saturday. The committee decided to pay them \$500 to off set the costs of their materials; a suggestion for next year is for the center to sell punch cards, rather than free-will offering
- Ken provided detailed instructions for the sawdust pile

The group discussed setting up a 501(c)3 / 501(c)4 organization for Sandstone Community Festivals. Technically, the City is not authorized to run these events. It would be good for Quarry Days to be covered by a non-profit organization. This would also make us eligible for gambling permits. Kathy is willing to fill out the Federal application; however, before that can be done, a corporation needs to be formed and a Board needs to be established, with by laws and articles of incorporation. Kathy can help with all of this as well.

So, the first question is, who would be willing to be a Board Member? We need a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and At-large member. An e-mail will be sent out to the larger group to see who is willing to serve on the Board.