

Minutes of special meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 20, 9:30 AM

Attendees: Ron Kane, Ed Z, Dave A, Jean, Joe, Edetc

This meeting was to review findings of costs associated with a Pie Sale as a fund raising event in association with the coming thanksgiving holiday. Ron Kane reviewed the costs associated with Lyman Orchards pies and Jean the opportunity, offered by Cost Choppers. Lyman's offers a very good package but requires a minimum purchase of 150 pies. Cost Choppers had no minimum order requirement. The consensus was to order 50 pies @ \$6 and sell them for \$8. There was a motion made by Ed Z and seconded by Dave A to authorize a check in the amount of 50 % as a down payment. The motion was carried unanimously. It was recommended we advertise the upcoming sale in *JI* and *Reminder* and also by e-mail and patch.com. Jean will need a letter on our stationary to cover the purchase tax exemption and non-profit status.

Second item for discussion was a turkey dinner to be offered at 1 PM on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Ed Z and Ron K will be responsible for purchase of all products including turkeys, potatoes, mixed vegetables, stuffing and gravy. The date must be cleared with the director. It was proposed to charge \$7 and limit the event to 50 persons. Ron K will do a price check and present findings at the Board Meeting on October 23.

Next item discussed was the purchase of a new "small bus" to provide better service for members. Dave A raised the possibility of buying a used vehicle from CT Transit at a considerably lower cost. It was the opinion of those present that the cost associated with a new bus was really the responsibility of the Town and there needed to be a better argument to present at budget time. Ron K and Dave A will talk with the Director to get a better idea of the service now provided and where a smaller bus might provide increased service to places like Franklin Park.

Lastly, Ron K introduced the prospect for an Antique Sale proposed by the Director wherein interested parties would pay \$20 to enter their pieces in exchange for a professional assessment and a brief history of the item. Those present felt the \$20 was too high. Ed remarked that they had a similar fund raiser wherein they charge \$3 per item for up to 3 items. Concern was expressed about interfering with the town-wide "Tag Sale". Others questioned whether they could get someone to come to their home to give an assessment as the pieces in question were large and difficult to bring to the center. Question whether the cost of staffing the event would be covered by the town or intry fees. This item will be further discussed at the regular meeting.

Dave A made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ed Z. Meeting ended at 10:45. Jean warmed up the pie she brought as a sample of the quality of the item. It was appreciated by five members who stayed after the meeting. Good pie.

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