

Minutes  
**Volunteer Program Advisory**  
**Board September 5, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**YouthCenter**  
**16 Park**  
**Road**

*Mission Statement: "To foster goodwill and community spirit in Fairfax through volunteer activities. "*

Members in attendance: Geo Taylor, Georgia Gibbs, Marcia Custer, Veronica Geretz. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager. Others in attendance: Sierra Salin

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. This is a Special Meeting.

**1) New Business**

**a) Box painting at picnic/water slide & jumpee house**

- The Volunteer Board invited Sierra Salin to the meeting to address an issue that arose at the last picnic. The activity that Sierra hosts at the Town-picnic is the painting of cardboard boxes by kids. Last year, the paint got all over the water slide inflatable, which became problematic with the vendor, Astro Jump. Greg Martinez, owner of Astro Jump told Maria at the time she booked the inflatable this year that the painting activity could not take place, otherwise, he would not do business at the picnic. The picnic sub-committee discussed this at an August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, and made a decision to ask Sierra to amend the activity, so paint was not involved. Maria informed Sierra of this on the following Monday, when she was back in the office. Sierra felt this was not enough notice to come up with an alternate activity. He was not happy with the sub-committee's decision. He expressed this in a series of e-mails. Some suggestions included having a volunteer hose down the kids, and having signage that kids must be rinsed prior to going into the jumpee. The picnic has been experiencing a shortage of volunteers to take on these tasks, and this year will pay jumpee house monitors. Signage seems to be ineffective, as parents are not always supervising their children at the event. **ACTION ITEM: The Board voted to not let Sierra conduct the box painting activity at the picnic this year. Sierra was unsure as to whether he would participate at the picnic with a substitute activity.**

**b) Booths at picnic: set policy on what type of tabling can occur, and organizations that can be represented-**

Marcia requested this item be considered by the board. Measure F is being considered at an upcoming

election as a ballot measure. Marcia asked if there could be a table at the picnic offering information on Measure F. The Board discussed historical perspectives. In the past, when the Charter School requested representation at the picnic, they were denied. The Volunteer Board did not want the event to deal with controversial issues, and cause division among the attendees.

**ACTION ITEM: After some discussion, the Board decided it would not allow a table there, because it would set a precedent for future groups that might want to come and have a presence at the picnic.**

**c) Picnic details-** The Board proceeded to go over the checklist of duties that remain. Maria will buy cutting boards for Georgia, Marcia will provide starting cash for Georgia, with 40-60 \$ 1 dollar bills, \$5 dollar bills, and \$10 dollar bills. The schedule will be as follows: 12:30-1:15 p.m.- Kids Band, 1:15-2:15 Games, 2:15-5 pm- Band. Maria will ask Tom Finch if Geo can use his microphone for the games and announcements. Veronica suggested a water balloon toss be added as an additional game; the Board like this idea.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.