

Notes from Rally wrap-up – September 3, 2018

Carolyn asked about the following –

Wednesday – Should we do potluck again – Yes. Should we do card Bingo again – Yes

Thursday—We had two vendors. Using only the Commercial Building and Annex worked well for the number of people we had. Will have to evaluate next year depending on how many people. People like the ham & beans, the movie night with a camping movie (could we serve popcorn during the movie?), and Root Beer Floats are a definite yes for next year.

Friday – The train trip seminar was good, washer toss was good, “What is it” seminar was enjoyable, “Can you hear Me” seminar was good. Family Feud was not what was expected. We need a game that involves more people. Newlywed Game was mentioned or just a night where we setup games (card games, board games, etc.) and people could to play. Mary Feiden and Carol Froeschl were put in charge of this night for 2019. The Dog Show was a definite yes for next year. The Ladies Luncheon was affected by the rain. The Potato Bake is a great idea. We need to let people know ahead of time (using our website) to bring toppings and/or desserts.

Saturday – Entertainment was OK. Some did not like that they sang some songs in French.

Sunday – The breakfast was good. We need some protein – hard boiled eggs and/or yogurt. Oatmeal would be good. The Church service was good. People liked the Walking Tacos and the Ice Cream Social. We should space out the food we provide. Three things in one day is a lot. The time needs to be changed for the Ice Cream Social, so it is not right before a meal. The Sunday night entertainment was good. Some complaints about Blue Light. People were reminded that they brought the items and Forest City scatter them out so we had more prizes to give away. Consensus was to continue Blue Light as it is so well supported and attended. A question about where the money raised was going – usually it is given to charity but this year it is going to the Scholarship Fund.

50/50 – about \$950.00 was raised with \$470.00 of it going to people winning and the rest to our treasury. People like how Mary F. did it by giving more prizes instead of one big one.

Staff feedback –

Bob – Could Penny Bingo be earlier on Game Night and then after entertainment the other nights. It gets very late sometimes.

?? – The Dog Training seminar was very good and a good speaker.

Louise – Pleased with the Rally.

Jim L. went well

Bob M. Went well, a good group of people, thanks for all the help.

Carol F. – Went well. Positive comments for people. Thank you bob for all you did. Why were all the first-timers not wearing ribbons – Bob said because most of them were walk-ins he did not know they were first-timers.

Mary F. – Rally was Fine.

Jerry – We need to put forth more effort to get more people to attend. He wanted to know who took the drone pictures, so we could thank them. It was someone from the Legion. Carol F. will put them up on the website.

Marie S. – Rally went well.

Evaline L. – Rally was good.

Terry – Can we drop one more golf cart?

Vicki – Could we put up a preliminary schedule on the website about a month before the Rally? Does not need times just what is going on. Communication needs to be better in this regard so if we need to bring something (like toppings for the baked potatoes) we know it ahead of time.

John S. No complaints about Hospitality.

Chuckie – They did not have electricity when they tried to hook up. Another camper helped them.

Patty – She was thanked for all the wonderful decorations. Patty thinks there should be more communication prior to Rally. We need to explain things, like putting your receipts in the bin, and not assume everyone knows what to do and what is going on. We had quite a few first-timers this year.

Lynn – Thinks this year and last year were the best Rallies she has attended.

NEXT STATE MEETING – Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds - Henry, Illinois – October 12. Forest City Sams are hosting. Vegetable Soup & White Chicken Chili will be served along with breads, drinks, and dessert. \$5.00/person. Let Carolyn or us know if you are coming so we can make enough for Lunch and purchase enough donuts, etc. for the morning.