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Minutes from August 16, 2021, Social Committee meeting

The purpose of this evening's get together was to see each other after many months of not meeting due to the pandemic and to discuss upcoming 2021 and 2022 social activities.

We talked about a new activity that Carol W learned of in a recent Overland Park Neighborhood Executive Committee (NEC) meeting. This activity is a Bicycle/Tricycle Rodeo. She learned about this from a woman on the Beverly Estates HOA who said her neighborhood held this event on 7/4/2021. The children decorated their bikes/trikes in a July 4th theme and rode on a designated, relatively short route in their neighborhood. Their HOA provided cold water and Flavorice (similar to popsicles). They had representatives from the Lion's Club in attendance who gave away free age-appropriate books to the children. We decided that, since this appears to be a relatively short event with a minimum amount of effort on the committee's part, we will hold this social event on 7/4/2022. We talked of serving red, white & blue bomb pops in regular and sugar-free varieties, if available. Carol W will contact the Lion's Club to arrange for the book give away.

We discussed repeating an activity we had in fall 2020 which was to organize a contest for participants to find the individual letters **P-U-M-P-K-I-N** that we put in the yards of 7 committee or board members. We decided that this year we'll spell the words **B-L-A-C-K C-A-T**. We'll use different yards than last year to make the contest more fun. We'll need to recruit 8 people/yards. **(NOTE: As of 8/31/2021 Becky & Ann have volunteered their yards so we still need 6 more yards. Closer to this event Becky will post a notice on our FB page asking for 6 more yards.)** Last year we had 15 participants who identified the correct letters in the correct yards. The prizes we gave were succulent plants in pots with fall decorations. **This year we chose a different prize which will be ~~\$10.00~~ \$5.00 [corrected] gift cards to Golden Scoop Ice Cream Store (suggested by Becky.) As of 8/31/2021 Carol W volunteered to purchase these prizes and to electronically receive the emailed answer submissions. Carol K and Carol W will deliver these prizes to the winners. We decided we will initially distribute these prizes at the Halloween parade and any that aren't picked up at the parade will be delivered.)** Pat volunteered to make the letters from fall colored poster board. She will let us know if she wants assistance with this task. **Based on last year's announcement, Jakob will send email announcements (with updated dates, etc.) regarding this activity and Becky will post information about it on the BAH Facebook page.**

We also discussed having our 2nd Halloween children's and pet parade at 5:30 PM on Sunday, 10/31/2021. We will keep the location, parade route, etc. the same. We learned last year that we need committee members along the parade route, especially at the end at 94th Terrace, so that participants know how far to walk south on Somerset, where to turn around and walk back up Somerset. **(We discussed shortening the parade route so the kids don't parade all the way to 94th Terrace. But Carol W stated that last year she had the parade extend that far because the residents along Somerset up to 94th Terrace had tables with treats at the end of their driveways and were outside**

awaiting the children. **Carol W anticipates that will be the case again this year so most likely we'll need to have the parade again extend to 94th Terrace. If this isn't the case, we'll turn the parade around at 94th Street.)** We'll again have a table in Ann's yard from which we'll distribute goodie bags (1 per child.) Karen volunteered to research and purchase the bags and the items for the bags and will purchase non-sweet Halloween items such as glow sticks, spiders, stickers, etc. **(As 8/31/2021 Carol K has volunteered to assist Karen with assembling these bags.)** Last year we had 100 bags and gave out 85+ of them to participants. (We gave the rest to committee members to give to their neighbor children who didn't participate in the parade.) We'll want a similar number this year in hopes that the weather is as nice as it was in 2020 and we have as many participants. It is our thought that many of the residents along Somerset will again put tables of treats at the end of their driveways so they can be given to the children in a socially distanced manner. Since we anticipate that many residents throughout the neighborhood will also have their own treats to hand out to trick or treaters, in our announcements we'll emphasize that fact and encourage trick or treating throughout the neighborhood in a socially distanced manner. In their messages Jakob and Becky will again emphasize this as a "safer" way for trick or treating since we are still in a pandemic.

We'll again have a photo area in Ann's yard. **(As of 8/31/2021 Ann stated she has 5 small bales of hay and 2 upright scarecrows from last year that we'll again use. Ann will provide 2 mum plants, 2 upright scarecrows and some fake pumpkins.)** *We need volunteers to help with obtaining additional items, such as 2 more mum plants and a few more fake pumpkins) and with setting up the area. Rebecca will look into obtaining corn stalks from her parents. She will either paint a new backdrop or we'll use the same one from last year. (Becky will help her with this. Carol K offered various colors of paint, if needed.)* As with last year, we'll have this area available for admiring and photo taking on Friday, 10/22/2021 thru Sunday, 10/24/2021 and Friday, 10/29/2021 thru Sunday, 10/31/2021.

At Ann's suggestion, on 8/30/2021 Carol W emailed Meg Knappenberger and asked her if we can again borrow her frame support that we use to display the backdrop. Carol is awaiting a response from Meg.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wagner, Social Committee Chair