

EVENTS CAYCE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2015

PRESENT:

Danny Creamer, Chairman, Events Committee
Rachel Scurry, Vice Chairman, Events Committee
David Capps, Member Events Committee
Brenda Cole, Member Events Committee
Ellen Mancke, Member Events Committee

John Banks, CBF Coordinator
Sheila Starkey, CBF Social Media Consultant

Kara Carmine, Cayce City Staff
Mendy Corder, Cayce City Staff
James Denny, Cayce City Staff

EXCUSED: Cindy Pedersen, Kimberly Christ, Jason Munsell, Frankie Newman

Mr. Creamer called the meeting to order.
The minutes for June and July meetings were approved.

Congaree Bluegrass Festival:

John Banks reported: 4 food vendors have been approved (Devaye's, Jay's Concessions, Daley's Dogs, and Pawley's Porch). Working with Size Matters BBQ Bus and Gourmet Popsicle representative. -Crafts/Arts – Sharpe Pottery (Frink St) has been contacted; they have an event conflict that day but will assist us with contacting other vendors. Hope to have a spinning wheel, an individual who hand carves walking sticks, mandolin crafter, and blacksmith. Ellen Mancke is contacting an individual who could possibly do the art of tatting. Wilson banjos will be a vendor to sell banjos and guitars and encourage lessons. Candle makers and basket weavers are also being invited. A soap maker has been confirmed. Western wear vendor will be contacted. Bottom line, we want to fill the field. Also the SC Bluegrass and Traditional Music Association will have a tent and will be selling t-shirts. Vendor applications will be accepted up until the week before the event. It was suggested that the SC Antique Tractor Association be contacted for a possible display. John stated he would check on the availability of soft serve ice cream from Zesto's for the event.

Kara Carmine reported there has been very little response to our requests for volunteers. John Banks stated that we need 20 additional folks outside of our group. It was reported that Rachael Scurry and Dr. Munsell will be out of town on the first day of the festival, but have agreed to work the Sunday event. John will approach the Jaycees, Chamber, and local pastors. Kara also reported that we have \$2850 committed in sponsorship money.

VIP Tent – John Banks reported that we continue to look for sponsors. It was suggested to contact Tony's Pizza or Marco's for pizza donations.

Sound – After a lengthy discussion of possible sound contractors, it was agreed that Bruce Crout was the expert in his field , that he provides support folks to handle his equipment, and that his estimate seems appropriate with others in his field. Danny will contact Bruce to coordinate the contract.

John Banks reported that Lexington Printing was in the process of preparing CBF event cards (same size as a business card) so that we could distribute them to folks we come in contact with.

Kara will add music to the CBF website and/or Facebook.

Children’s Area – bounce houses will be available for younger children. John reported that rides are not available because of the State Fair. We will have Corn Hole and Horse Shoe Pits. Still looking at possibility of hay rides. It was suggested that we add the CBF logo to the Corn Hole platforms.

Chairman Danny Creamer reviewed the band lineup and stated there would be no band contest due to lack of time. He has received several inquiries. Next year, we may consider dropping the number of bands in order to have a band competition on Friday with the winner performing on Saturday in one of the time slots.

It was agreed to ask Frankie Newman to arrange for a Brookland-Cayce High School student to perform the National Anthem.

Members expressed their delight with the posters and logo. John Banks stated that Amber Long with Paper Pro was the designer. Posters and sponsorship packets were distributed to committee members.

The Volunteers meeting/orientation will be held on September 24 at City Hall. Time to be announced.

Carols Along the Riverwalk:

Letters to Performers: Rachael reported that “save the date” letters were mailed. She will prepare/review the second letter to be mailed out (containing event details and a response deadline of October 6) and will forward it to Kara for mailing.

Kara reported that the Trolley has been confirmed.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to table further discussion on this event until an appropriate time as to have detailed discussion.

Closing:

The Chairman thanked everyone in attendance and expressed his pride and appreciation for their hard work. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brenda Cole, Recorder

(for Cindy Pederson)