

Keremeos Meeting Minutes from 2006

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Keremeos Communities for Kids

September 13, 2006

Attending: Robert, Linda, Barb, Sharon, Kelly

1. Robert organized a pancake breakfast at the grist mill on September 9. The turn out was small and \$198.00 was raised. Jeff Rowe and Walter Despot were great helpers and the cost of the food was donated by Valu-Plus. On Saturday, September 16 another breakfast will be held at Memorial Park with the firemen volunteering to cook. The Review has done several articles to promote CFK and the playground. Barb will have the children do thank you posters to the Firemen and Valu-Plus. Individual thank you's will be sent to Walter and Jeff. Robert will write a letter to the editor expressing our appreciation to all who helped.

Thanks Robert for all your efforts for the kids.

2. A web site is being created for Communities for Kids and each community will have their own page with what they would like in it. A wish list was created.
3. The Princeton CFK table has offered their support and ideas to create a pre-school subsidy program for Keremeos. They will be invited to the November meeting to share their experience.
4. Funding: Monica is going ahead with the Agri-spirit fund application. We will continue to pursue other money to go towards the playground. All money raised will be held by the Village.

Thanks Monica for all your work on the grant applications.

5. Sharon is exploring details regarding a children's music group and will bring the information to the next meeting.
6. The next meeting will be an open forum to look at the playground catalogues and options for Pine Park.

Next Meeting:

**OCTOBER 10, 7:00PM
REC CENTRE**

Important Notice!

**Your help is needed to complete the grant application for your community and its children!
An action group is meeting at Monica's on Monday, August 21 at 7:30.
Call Monica at 5731 if you can be there to help.**

Minutes Keremeos Table Community for Kids

August 17, 2006

Keremeos Recreation Centre

Attending: Robert Eichmuller, Brain Vanderlinde, Lorraine Vanderlinde, Sharon Johnston, Linda Partington, Kelly Moog

Regrets: Barb Stewart

1. Barb and Robert met with Village council to present a letter requesting the village partner with and become the legal entity for the Community Table application to Success by 6. The Village verbally agreed to the request and we await written confirmation.
2. The Success by 6 application is ready to be completed. The table felt Barb was doing this. Robert will check with her.
3. The Pancake Breakfast was discussed in detail. Robert has arranged for CFK to run the breakfast on Saturday, September 16 during the Pepper Festival. Robert is *eagerly* looking for volunteers for set-up, serving, cooking and clean-up. Set up starts at 7:30 and cooking ends at 10:30 with clean-up after. Robert favors the motto "getting together for the kids" so lets do that and share our energy on the 16th.

More details for the breakfast:

- Valu-Plus will sell us the food and take back what is not used
 - Lorraine will provide some fun entertainment for the children (anyone else interested?)
 - Cost will be \$5.00/adult and \$2.00/child, different colored plates will be used
 - Posters have been made and are being put up in the area
 - The Village will be our financial entity and will hold all funds raised for the playground improvements
 - There will be a display board for CFK and what the local community is doing
 - Sharon will approach Similkameen Country and ask if the information sign could advertise the breakfast.
4. A question was asked about BC Lottery funds and how they are accessed. Kelly will look into this further.
 5. Kelly will forward information on grants from Farm Credit Canada and the Community Health Promotion Fund.

6. An asset and resources list is being created for the Communities for Kids area. If you have any information to share please send it to Kelly.
7. A web page is also being created and each table will have input for its page and links. What would you like to see included for the Keremeos and Cawston page. Send ideas to Kelly.
8. Kelly will attend Bridging the Generations next Friday, August 25th.
9. Can anyone please share the results of the recreation survey or how we can receive it?

Next Meeting:
SEPTEMBER 13, 7:00PM
KEREMEOS REC CENTRE

Keremeos Community Table Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2006

Keremeos Recreation Centre

Attending: Lorraine Vanderlinde, Linda Partington, Delonda Douangpanya, Robert Eichmuller, Eirinn Macdonald, Melanie McLean, Diane Stewart, Sharon Johnston, Barb Stewart, 2 representatives from Kobou Park

1. Success by 6 funding applications:
 - All applications need to go through the community table and be in by August 31, 2006. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 7pm at the recreation centre to review and begin the applications.
2. Family Fair:
 - General discussion and a meeting will be set for planning when Melanie returns from holidays.
3. Parks:
 - Pine Park petition being circulated. The Family Fair is being held at Pine Park to raise awareness of the park and its safety concerns.
4. New business
 - Kelly has been invited to attend the next Lower Similkameen Community Services Society board meeting to talk about Communities for Kids. Melanie will attend also. If anybody else would like to come please contact Kelly.
 - Robert met the chief of the Lower Similkameen Indian Band, Joe Dennis and asked if the table was going to meet with the band. This information will be forwarded to Blair Lischeron and a meeting will be set.
 - The first item on the agenda at the next meeting will be to discuss the table executive.
5. Next meeting date:

**August 17, 7pm
Recreation Centre**

Keremeos Community Table Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2006

Attending: Monica, Melanie, Carmen, Lorraine, Kelly, Erin

1. Micah from the Review attended
2. Updates:
 - Meeting with MP Alex Atemenenko:
 - we will meet with him again in a few months
 - he will search funding sources for us
 - Carmen sent him a Thank-you card for meeting with us
 - Town hall meeting
 - Carmen spoke on behalf of Communities for Kids
 - all the speakers spoke about young children
 - Hari Lali wants to meet with us
 - Cawston OCP meeting
 - Carmen attended the meeting and Cawston has decided not to pursue and Official Community Plan at this time
3. Family Fair
 - Cawston Primary will be putting on Ready-Set-Learn at the fall Open House and Barbeque and invited Communities for Kids to be part of the event.
 - Family Fair discussion and planning:
 - September 9 at Pine Park – Melanie to ask for use of the Park
 - Farmer John's Petting Zoo – Lorraine
 - Local entertainment – in small time spots throughout the fair: musicians, jugglers, balloon animals, clowns.
 - If you know anyone who would like to be part of the entertainment have them contact Melanie
 - Food concession – Carmen will speak to the Girl Guides and see if they would like to run a concession and Melanie will solicit donations
 - Grade 12 kids to help – Melanie will speak to the teacher
 - Family Crafts – Melanie will gather materials
 - Information tables – Kelly to arrange
 - Advertising – Carmen will see about a poster being created for the fair
 - Raffle & prizes – to be discussed at the next meeting
 - Banking – Melanie will see about this
 - Toddler Play area – Kelly will talk to the ECE program at Sprott-Shaw and CCR

Other issues to be discussed: garbage cans, garbage bags, fencing, toddler play area.

4. Parks; playground equipment catalogue from Blue Imp was received

5. New business:

- The Rec Commission may have funds to hire an assistant for Barb at Tumble Bumble, Carmen will check it out
- Barb is exploring the possibility of running Tumble Bumble from the Rec Centre during the summer

6. Next meeting date

Thursday, July 6
7:00 pm
REC CENTRE

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**Promoting optimum health and development of children from
conception to age six in the South Okanagan and Similkameen**

Keremeos Communities for Kids

May 6, 2006

Attending: Kelly, Monica, Carmen, Caroline, Robert, Melanie, Chris

Regrets: Sharon

1. Review reasons we are meeting as a community table:
 - funding and grant applications to improve parks and playgrounds in the area
 - support, action and education for families with children 0-6
 - to explore ways to support Barb Stewart in her work such as hiring a helper who could sub while Barb's away or finding additional funds to pay her for her hours worked

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE TABLE WANTS TO BE A
WORKING GROUP DOING THINGS
NOT JUST MEETING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT NEED TO BE DONE

2. Discussion about needs at Pine Park;
 - dog feces: the Village will clean up if requested and will also put up a fence if requested
 - the playground equipment needs to be upgraded
 - why put up a fence and then take it down to do upgrades

Decision: Kelly will write a petition to support improvements and fencing to Pine Park

Decision: Melanie will explore new playground equipment and costs

3. Discussion regarding meetings with Harry Lali, MLA and Alex Ademenko (?), MP.
 - Harry Lali has a town hall meeting on May 23, parents are encouraged to attend and advocate for improvements to our parks and ask for Harry's focus to be on children 0-6
 - Carmen will contact Alex Ademenko and ask for a meeting with him so we can present information about Keremeos and the importance of child development 0-6. She will ask him to attend a Friday meeting at Orchard Haven and extra child minders will be hired so all parents can attend.

Action: Carmen

4. Family Fair: a fun, no-cost day for families with information about child development scattered around the fun activities.
 - Saturday, Sept 9 at Pine Park
 - items discussed: food, volunteers, raffle prize, donations, booths
 - Barb has history of previous Children's Festival's

- Mel and Carmen will contact Chris Philpot and Shari Morhart from Cawston Primary School to see if they want to partner with Ready – Set – Learn

Action: Mel and Carmen

5. Entertainment: the children sang 5 Little Monkeys while wearing the Curious George masks they had made at craft time. Thank you.
6. Next Meeting will be **June 9** at 10:00 at Orchard Haven.
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE
7. There may be items I have missed in the minutes, if so please call me or email me and I will add them and correct the minutes. Just to let you know I work out of my home so if teenagers answer and take a message it may not get to me immediately so *please* don't hesitate to call back. Or try me on my cell 809-0744. Thanks.

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April 7, 2006

Orchard Haven

Kelly Moog shared information on brain development and clarified roles of CFK, SB6 and UEY.

The group talked about positive aspects of living in Keremeos: close knit, people friendly, affordable, organic agriculture, quality of life, slower pace, plenty of parks and playgrounds, good air and water quality.

A decision was made to attend the Recreation Commission meeting to learn how to advocate for more programs for children. A tour will be arranged for those who have not seen the site.

Committee will request to Recreation Commission meeting and make a presentation on the importance of enhancing and enriching Early Childhood Development.

Chris to contact Karl, 499-2400 and ask to attend the May 18 meeting.

Chris, Sharon, Mel, Lorraine and Kelly to attend and present.

Everyone welcome to come and support children and families.

Tour of recreation centre after next table meeting, May 5, 12:00.

Chris to arrange with Karl.

Everyone welcome.

Volunteers

Chairperson Chris Cull

Secretary: Sharon Johnson

Family Fair: Melanie

Letter Writer: Monica

Other items discussed:

Family Fair: Barb has information on previous Children's Festival held the weekend after Labor Day. Melanie will gather donations and door prize. Children's fingerprinting, fire safety, etc are some ideas.

Ideas can be forwarded to Melanie.

Keremeos official community plan and by-laws? Do they include attention to family and children's needs?

Next Table meeting:

Friday May 5, 2006

10:00-11:30

Orchard Haven