

Christmas in Calhoun 2017 Wrap-up Meeting

City Hall, 110 S 14th Street, Fort Calhoun NE

January 9, 2018 7:00pm

Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Eileen Justus; Jeanne Knight; Katie Knight; Lori Lammers; Coleen Robinson

Minutes: Minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting were emailed; approved as presented.

Financial Report: Christmas in Calhoun has a balance of \$2,971.60.

Christmas in Calhoun 2017 had a starting balance of \$3,858.82. Received \$1,403.95 in donations and had \$4,121.17 in expenses. KENO funds were used to pay for the Gazebo lights, \$1,830. See Financial Summary, attached.

Food Pantry Donations: Received \$133 and purchased gift cards for Fort Calhoun Christmas food baskets; collected many boxes of canned goods that went to Washington County food pantry.

Events Feedback:

- The Community Building had several events and we should use it again next year.
- Scavenger Hunt may start and end at the Community Building
- Move Fun Run to another location, maybe the Elementary School
- Need to look at times to spread out the events
- Shire Hayrack Rides – we had two racks, may want three next year
- See about music for the hayrack rides

Kids Shopping:

- Kids Shopping - 234 children received 468 gifts
- Need to have more gifts for 2018 - we ran out of gifts by 2:30
- Some confusion because we asked that children decorate cookies first and then shop
- Set up queue area with “caution tape” to keep gift line in order
- 14 volunteers wrapped gifts and helped children at Kids Shopping; wrap tables elevated 6 inches

Donations:

Ask for donations early – in July or August

Publicity:

- Keep the same publicity for 2018; mail the CinC Schedule with the December water bill, send with elementary school children and post on bulletin boards around town.
- Other flyers - send with elementary school children and post on bulletin boards.
- Use the same candy cane logo next year and again put out candy canes at the events.
- Promote giving canned goods

Future Dates: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7pm – first meeting for Christmas in Calhoun 2017
Saturday, November 24, 2018 – Tree Lighting in the Park
Saturday, December 8, 2018 - Christmas in Calhoun

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm
Lori Lammers