

# Christmas in Calhoun

## Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

Fort Calhoun City Hall

6:30 pm

Call to Order at 6:30pm Open meeting announcement.

Present: Corban Helmandollar, Katie Knight, Jen Ringler, Coleene Robinson, Mitch Robinson, Deb Sutherland, Stephanie and Connie Fuhrman, Deb Shultz. Lori Lammers joined us at 7pm.

Minutes: October 28, 2020 meeting minutes approved as presented.

### **Tree Lighting – Saturday, November 28, 2020**

- Corban will have a permanent sound system set up for the gazebo/park.
- Christmas trees to be set up in the park November 23-24 – Corban
- Lori/Katie/Deb will get flyer/schedule made up and distribute with water bills.
- Corban will post a flyer and photos on social media to promote the Parade of Lights.
- Mitch presented a Parade of Lights map/route to start at 5pm the ball fields and end at West Market Square Park. Tree lighting around 5:30- 5:45pm.
- Jen Ringler said the FC Volunteer Fire Dept. will ask about having their ATV in the parade.
- AP Plumbing LLC will donate the large adult gift.
- Jeanne Knight will donate the gift filled stocking for the child's gift.
- Fort Calhoun High School Choir will perform carols (pending)
- Nikki's Dance will not perform this year due to COVID
- Deb- received the glow stick necklaces to be handed out to the kids. (200)
- Katie- received 400 Christmas masks to be available to the kids and adults.
- Corban/Katie Tree Lighting flyer to be posted on social media and electronically to school children.
- Deb-Traveling Grinch – the rules have been updated and phone numbers added for a quicker turn around. It will run from Nov.28- Dec. 21. All cans and money will go to the local food bank.

### **Christmas in Calhoun – Saturday, December 12, 2020**

Went over the event schedule and have a list of participants, some who were unable to host an event this year have been very generous with their donations and we are planning to do take home activities sponsored by that company.

#### Events planned to date:

- Pancake Feed at the Fire Hall, Boy Scouts
- Fun Run, FCYSO (map) Closing of 15<sup>th</sup> St.
- MCH Clinic donation to sponsor candy bags
- Countryside Small Animal clinic- hand out doggy treats
- Kids' Shopping at the Community Center, CinC Committee. City staff will set up on that Friday.
- Washington County Museum- Take away craft
- Washington County Bank- donation to sponsor decorated Christmas cookies
- Abiding Faith- pending
- Christi Care- hand out reindeer food
- Red Barn Art Studio- will have a kids craft activity
- Fort Bar- will have a kid game with prizes
- The Rustic- will have a kid ornament activity
- Scooters' Coffee at the Community Center during Kids' Shopping, coffee and hot cocoa samples.
- Soup with Santa at the Fire Hall, FC Volunteer Fire Dept. will be a drive thru event, Santa will be on the fire engine waving to the children.
- Cherry Hill Church is planning on doing one or two games.
- Too Far North- Military & Veterans Tree and Toy's for Tots
- Autumn Pointe- will do a coloring contest so the residents will judge the pictures turned in.
- Nannen and Hart PT- pending

Cancelled events:

Santa Shakes, Nikki's Dance Studio, Orr Photo, Library, Presbyterian Church, St. John's Church, American Legion, (Café and Carols by Candlelight), Too Far North, Shear Attraction, Teddy Bear Drive, Jensen Shires Hayrack Rides, Frahm House, Rock Hard Concrete, Adult Scavenger Hunt.

Discussion:

Mitch said we have about 1000 gifts purchased. (planning on 300 kids)

Lori & Deb- will email list of wrapper volunteers from previous years.

Lori said we have plenty of supplies for the gift wrapping, she will print tags.

Deb will order decorated individually wrapped Christmas cookies from Connie's bakery in Blair

Lori suggested trying to find someone willing to do a hayrack ride instead of the shire horses.

We will reach out and see if someone will volunteer.

City will purchase or find a donation of hand sanitizer to be available at each event scheduled on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Masks will be available, and events places will limit the number of people inside at one time.

Sponsors/Donors: Received \$200 from AJR Enterprises (storage) and \$500 from MCH Clinic.

Next Christmas in Calhoun meeting is 6:30pm on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at City Hall.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Submitted by Deb Sutherland