

SIMSBURY TOURISM COMMITTEE
"Heritage, Charm, Adventure"
Simsbury Inn
397 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury Ct.

Monday, September 19, 2016 7:30PM

Attendance: Steve Mitchell, Joe Buda, Jan Losee, Kathy Oakes, Joyce Howard, Diane Phillips, Paulette Clark, Rick Wagner, Pat Carbone, Charmaine Seavy, Cathy Barnard.

1. Call to order at 7:30PM
2. Review and approve minutes of August 15, 2016
3. Lori Lubetkin reported on the Visitor's Center. Petty Cash is \$17.00. Numerous calls came in regarding Septemberfest, Arts & Crafts, Simsbury Fly-In, Two Left Feet Concert. The Eagle Scout project for the Visitor's Center signage and brochure box is under review. Lori brought picture for us and also discussed a landscaping project that is under consideration. Steve made a motion for approval from the committee on the signage and approval was unanimous.
4. Steve requested ideas for new membership and we all agreed to expand our horizons in that direction.
5. Steve discussed how committee members, present and future could become more involved and said that a member should exercise a passion for the projects of our committee.
6. Meeting locations for the remainder of 2016 have been distributed to all members and Steve asked for volunteers to take on the selection of meeting sites for the first half of 2017.
7. Steve introduced Jan Losee, manager of Simsbury Inn, and our hostess for the evening, and told us that she may become a member of our committee, which would be very welcome, as Jan spoke and told us about managing all the aspects of the Inn, and catering to weddings, having brunches, corporate gatherings, bike rentals, and much more. She also mentioned their role with the 1820 House. We had another guest at the meeting, Joe Buda, with Simsbury Historical Society, who spoke of all the activities they have going on such as the Scarecrow Event that is going on currently, their Simsbury Tea Room, Mother and Daughter Tea, the upcoming Swedish Market Place and all things Swedish which will run from November to December 11. Joe also told us the history of the Simsbury Historical Society. Steve was pleased to tell us that Joe may also become a member of our committee, which would certainly fit into our Mission.
8. Old Business and Upcoming Local Events: Septemberfest was a success as usual and many tourists attended along with the usual crowds of people. The Simsbury Public Library Director's Challenge finalized on August 31 and they will make a report to us for our next meeting. The Simsbury Fly-In was postponed to September 25, due to inclement weather. The Family Farm Day which coincides with the Fly-In was also postponed until September 25, and farm tour signs were changed to reflect the new date.
9. Other Updates: The Simsbury Spooktacular Chili Challenge will be held on October 29, from 12noon until 5PM with live entertainment, kids wearing costumes receive treats, chili tastings and viewing of the chili competition. Lisa Gray of the Chamber of Commerce is also looking for more volunteers.
10. Steve addressed the committee as to whether we would be amenable to meeting at 7PM instead of 7:30PM and the entire committee was agreeable and pleased with this change.
11. Adjournment at 8:30PM

Next meeting Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7PM at Eastpointe Clubhouse at 55 Dorset Crossing

Respectfully submitted by Pat Carbone