

Head, Clara and Maria St. Patrick's Day Celebration 2015

Partial Summary Report

Committee members: Linda Chartrand, John Reith, Fran Chamberlain, Roseanne Boudreau,

Marlene Gibson, Pat Playford, David and Cathy Balla-Boudreau

A great time was had by all. Many volunteers contributed their time generously, including set-up, clean-up, kitchen prep, dishes, Welcome Table, Bar, & baking donations. (18 volunteers)

The Musicians were offered a split share in the ticket sales, most of whom donated back to HCM.

There were 17 musicians who performed, including an extra group who ended the evening.

Approximately 100 people attended, including approximately 10 – 12 children.

Financial breakdown to follow.

Detailed notes will be included in the final minutes of the Committee, including recommendations. We have fine-tuned quantities of food and have developed a list for different types (and quantities) of beer for next year. The ticket layout was a bit confusing, advertising the food costs as well as the entrance fee. The Children's Area needs to be larger, preventing some of the precarious running around. Tables for families bordering this area worked well and needs to be increased. More of the longer tables will be used for the general audience to accommodate a decrease in space.

There is a recommendation regarding the floats. We suggest that the Township office maintain 3 standard floats:

- \$100 in 5 dollar bills as a float for the door;
- \$200 broken up into 20x5 dollar bills (\$100), 25x\$2 toonies (\$50), and 50x\$1 loonies (\$50) as a float for the bar; and
- \$200 broken up as above, as a float for the kitchen.

Note that not all floats will be required for every event; however, for some events all 3 floats will be required, making it much easier for the volunteers to manage and report on the monies received.

Note that a new development is the use of the Township credit card for the purchase of the bar stock.

An improvement to the sound system would be to use the hall music system for general announcements, or music from a CD, whenever the musicians are changing from one group to another. This should result in less lost time between musical groups.

A copy of the final minutes will be sent in the next few weeks.

Recommendation to Recreation Committee: After the Music Fest last year, we suggested the purchase of a larger mixer than the one we presently have (\$300). A suggestion with some of the proceeds from this event includes the purchase of a good microphone (approx. \$300).

The Committee would like to sincerely thank the Rec Committee for their support, as well as the Municipal Council. Your positive support has been infectious and much appreciated.