

# Glen Elder Community Club Meeting Minutes

**Monday, 5-13-24, 5:30 PM**

**Attendees:** Denise Jackson, Annette Ybarra, Andrea Eberle, Jerri Senger, Thomas Depew, Carrie Tritsch

Meetings are now the second Monday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Glen Elder Housing Community Room. The Community Club is a group of volunteers without official officers working together to bring activities and events to the community. The group will have smaller committees focused on specific events or programs.

Meeting was brought to order at 5:32 PM. The meeting began with an overview of the previous meeting's minutes and action items.

Action Item Follow-up (prior meeting's action items in italics):

- *Committee Members to work on gathering Vendor Information to seek Vendors for the Chili Cook-Off.*
  - *Carrie to get with Sarah Depew on the 2023 Fun Day Vendor Surveys.*
    - Thomas shared Sarah had one survey from Jennifer McMillan but couldn't locate it.
  - *Reach out to neighboring communities, Economic Development Leaders or Chamber of Commerce to see if willing to share vendor lists.*
    - Trevor Stumma stopped in briefly and provided an action item follow-up for contact information from the Jewel County Economic Development, including Deb Bonhart for the leadership of the Corn Show and Tammy Fennel in Mankato for leadership of the Threshing Bee and Mammoth Fest.
    - Thomas recommended based on feedback from the last Fun Day food vendors, for them to be profitable we should have no more than two (2) Food Vendors. This will help ensure it's worth their while. He secured Big T's for the Chili Cook-off on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- *Jerri to reach out on a few potential options for acclimate weather locations for the Chili Cook-Off Dance.*
  - Jerri confirmed with the City that a tent in the street would be appropriate. It wouldn't be feasible on the park lawn due to potential lawn damage and the Fire Hall wouldn't be a viable option.

Discussion continued around the Chili Cook-Off Event planned for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

- Lunch Fundraiser – The Kids Shopping will not need a luncheon this year as there will be other fundraising events. It was decided the Community Club will do the luncheon as a fundraiser for future Community programs or events.
- Judges – Five (5) Judges were recommended per category. Thomas said he would like to be considered for a Judge this year. Water and Crackers were recommended for the judges to clear their palates between tastings.
- Judging Location – The Legion or Library were previously discussed. Thomas offered the potential use of Outlaw BBQ for the registration and tastings.
- Categories were finalized as:
  - Traditional
  - Anything Goes
  - Hot 'N Spicy
  - Hamburger
  - Kids Appetizer
  - Salsa
- Entry Fees – Discussion was held on the need for the entry fees to be a bit higher to cover the cost of the prizes. Previously it was \$25 for each category and \$5 for each additional. It was determined the entry fee will be \$25 per category.

- Prizes – Prizes were reviewed ranging between \$150 max prize and \$25 lowest prize excluding the Kids Appetizer and Salsa categories. Different options around a percentage of the entry fees or flat amounts were presented. The prize amounts were not finalized during the meeting.
- Location for Dance in case of acclimate weather – A tent in the street would be approved by the City.
- Power Sources – Jerri confirmed the City increased the power and there would be enough for all participants.
- Music or Sound System – Denise confirmed Darel Stuart would MC and play music with his sound system.

The initial Chili Cook-Off Event Schedule was drafted as follows:

8:00 AM – Chili Cook-Off Registration and Meat Check (Meat must be raw) at Outlaw BBQ

**\*\*Cooking Starts following Registration and Meat Check\*\***

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Mazie’s Bake Sale & Drinks Fundraiser for International School Trip

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Chili, Chili Dogs and Chili Nachos Lunch Fundraiser for Glen Elder Community

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12:30 PM – Judging Begins

12:30 PM – Salsa

1:00 PM – Burger

1:30 PM – Kids Appetizer

2:00 PM – Traditional Chili

2:30 PM – Hot ‘N Spicy Chili

3:00 PM – Anything Goes

3:30 PM – Winner Announcements

4:00 PM - ? Food Vendors – Big T’s confirmed & Second Food Vendor to be determined

4:30 PM – Dice Run sponsored by the Glen Elder Community Club

7:00 – 10:00 PM – Community Dance with entertainment by Pete Giles sponsored by Cunningham

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Committees were determined as follows:

- **Judge Committee** – Alica Wildfong, Andrea, Rhonda and Thomas
  - Identify the Judges, get the palate cleansing items for the judges and coordinate how the teams turn in entries to the judges.
- **Corn Hole Tournament** – Jerri will reach out to Shane to see if he would be willing to coordinate an event.
- **Dice Run** – Denise, Nancy Stortz and Annette
  - Coordinate the event. Potential preregistration at Stortz Stop N’ Shop so people can register throughout the day for the event.
- **Non-Food Vendors** – Committee Members Pending
  - Identify Non-Primary Food vendors for potential crafts, sales, snacks (Kettle Corn, etc.) throughout the day.
- **Fundraiser Lunch** – Ask Alice Thompson if willing to coordinate.
  - Capture donations for the food and coordinate the luncheon.
- **Tent for acclimate weather** – Jerri messaged Alice Thompson to see if Heart Choices had a tent that would be available. She’ll also reach out to Prairie Ridge Barn regarding their tent options.

Action Items:

- Annette will reach out to the Red Taco Stand that is often at Bomgaar’s or Farm Wife Feeds to secure a second food vendor for the evening.
- Annette will reach out about lighting options.

If anyone in the community is interested in participating in the Highway 24 Garage Sales May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, sign up by May 16<sup>th</sup> to be listed on the map. If you have questions, call Cindy Clausen at 785-545-5265.

The next meeting will be Monday, 6/10/24 at 5:30 PM. Follow the Glen Elder Community Club on Facebook for updates and volunteers or donations needed and visit the Glen Elder Community website <https://www.glenelder.com/ge-community-club.html> for meeting notes, a copy of the donation form and a list of events for 2024.

Topics for the June meeting:

- Poker Run for July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Determine what items are in storage for the Chili Cook-Off
- Continued discussion around the Chili Cook-Off

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.