

**Antiques & Uniques 2023
Committee Meeting Town Hall
October 6, 2023 at 4:00**

Present: Bruce Urie, Lise Erickson, Jeannine Young and Michelle Warren

Meeting

- Call meeting to order
Lise called meeting to order at 4:05 pm

- Approve Minutes
Michelle made a motion to approve the July 28, 2023 minutes, Bruce seconded, all aye, motion passed.

- Review agenda
The Committee reviewed the agenda

- Review Event
Jeanine said she had received positive comments, well organized, happy to be back, etc. Issue regarding handicap parking, talked with Bruce about better signage for next year.

Bruce said the Fire Department agreed to handle the parking again for 2024. They only netted about \$2,000 after paying half of the sheriff department's bill and paying other towns to help with the parking. The Fire Department would like A & U to pay the security next year.

We talked about charging more for food vendors, vendors that needed electricity, sound requirements for generators, had a few complaints last year.

- Actual Expenses
The ending P & L was a negative \$619, after paying the non-profit organizations \$15/hour for volunteering, approved by Select Board.

- Future Planning
The Committee discussed having a paid position again. Where Michelle could have used more help especially the last 2 weeks, with posts and social media. They offered a stipend for Michelle, but she refused. The paid person would have to plan the dance at night and the other income suggestions too.

Michelle said there were areas we could save some from the previous year, such as one less tent, having just \$10 discount not \$20. Bruce said the Fire Department was looking into private security instead of police, may be more affordable.

We talked about a core group that met monthly, sometimes more to plan for A &

U. Then working subgroups that met less often to handle specific tasks such as Jacob (tents), Geoff & Jeannine (posters), Don (signs), Don (music), Kris (farmers' market/posters), Bruce/Thomasina (Fire Department), tear down & set up (Tom B., Craig T)

To earn more money, the committee brainstormed ideas:

- Sell T-shirts with logo and A & U image on it, maybe mugs etc.
- Have a silent auction, ask vendors to donate something
- Dance under the tents Saturday night, with food and alcohol.

- Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Meeting to invite others interested to be the A & U committee will be Dec. 1st. at 3:30pm.