

ACT Board 2019 Annual Report

Annandale Area Community Team (ACT)

There were three ACT Board Meetings in 2019: January 10, July 11, and October 3. The April meeting was cancelled due to weather. Meetings were held at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Officers for the ACT Board remained the same as last year: Judy Grabham as Vice-Chair, Jill Bishop as Secretary, and Marlene Young as Treasurer. Kelly Hinnenkamp served as Coordinating Chair in the absence of anyone stepping up to be Chair, and Team Leaders rotated as meeting facilitators. Others remaining on the ACT Board were Laura Hood Beckman, Judy Seaberg, Sue Thwing, Sandy Holthaus, Patti VanDorp, Renee Cardarelle, Corry Bregendahl, Katje McIntyre, and Casey Weber, Sandy Holthaus, and Patti Van Dorp. Linda Kelso joined the board, Tracy Gasper and Elise Nelson resigned from the board, and we lost charter ACT member Rose Mary Nelson to cancer in January. The ACT Board had 16 members at year end.

Team Leads and other roles include the following: Arts Team acting co-leads are Ardis Nelson and Katje; Concerts in the Park Coordinator (as part of the Arts Team), Casey Weber; Discover Downtown Lead, Vicki Morgan; Farmers Market co-Leads (as part of Discover Downtown) Sue T, Corry Bregendahl, Patti Van Dorp and Heather Wirth; Beach Team Lead, Marlene; Community Center Team Co-Leads, Marlene and Judy G; Grants Specialist, Renee; Kelly, City of Annandale Administrator; ACT Website, Jill.

ACT had a booth at the Business Expo in April.

There were four active Teams in 2019: Arts (Concerts in the Park), Discover Downtown (Farmers Market and Clock Tower Park), Beach, and Field to Feast. The inactive Teams are Skateboard Park, Community Center, and Trails.

The **Arts Team** has 11 members. They sponsored 6 Concerts in the Park including the Annandale Community Band, Church of Cash, Cracklin' Blue, Powderfinger, Willie Tea Taylor, and Bernie King. Funds were brought in by an Adirondack Chair Auction, concert sponsorships, passing the bucket at concerts, stage ad renewals, and the Holiday Home Tour on November 23rd.

The **Discover Downtown Team** has 9 members and consists of Farmers Market and Clock Tower Park.

Clock Tower Park added two pots this year, and no new engraved pavers were added. The A temporary tree was installed in the park and decorated by the Chamber, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Program was held in the park on Nov 30th. The New Year's Eve Ball Drop chaired by Vicki took place at 9:00 p.m.

Farmers Market in its 12th year started on the Saturday of Memorial Day by participating in the Chamber's Chili Cookoff event and ran 20 Saturdays, May 25 to October 5. There are two food programs, SNAP/EBT benefits and the Power of Produce (PoP) program, and the EBT machine was used many times by credit card users. AFM received a \$2,500 donation from the Field to Feast Team. The Market had music several times. There were new vendors including Untiedt's. Patti did food prep demonstrations several times using food sold at the Market.

The **Beach House Team** led by Marlene Young and Pam Wurm had a successful year, open M-F June-August staffed by 3 paid attendants. In 2020 the Beach Team will become inactive when Community Education will be taking over Beach activities.

Field to Feast Team has 7 members. The 4th Annual F2F Dinner was held on Sunday, August 18th and held in the street on the north end of Oak Avenue. 320 tickets were sold and the event cleared \$4,600 which they shared with Farmers Market.

Jill Bishop
2018 ACT Secretary