

Committee Minutes

FOR THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE'S
"Special Events" 2025 Committee
OF THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS
For December 9, 2025 (7:00 PM)

CHAIRMAN HASTINGS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT: at 8:32PM

ROLL CALL: CHAIRPERSON HASTINGS II [P]

Members: Mayor Hastings [A] Tuma [P] Klukis [A] O'Neill [P] Roti [P]
Schmidt [P] Kissane [A] Morrison [P] Petrey [P] Iannantone [P]
Blaha [P] Hanley [P] Haleem [P] Leddin [A] Rediger [P]
Kaslewicz [P] Kowalski [A]

1.) A motion to approve the Committee Minutes dated November 11, 2025 as presented.
M_K2__ 2nd__ CM__ CH Hastings II __Y__ Mayor Hastings __A__ Tuma__Y__
Klukis __A__ Kissane __A__ O'Neill __Y__ Roti __Y__ Schmidt __Y__ Morrison __Y__
Petrey __Y__ Iannantone __Y__ Hanley __Y__ Blaha __Y__ Haleem __Y__ Rediger __Y__
Kaslewicz __Y__ Leddin __A__

2. Discussion on Party in the Park 2026:

- All entertainment contracts have been executed and sent
- Working with Mad Bombers – contract is similar to last year's – working on finalizing this contract before bringing to committee.
- Working with getting the Car Show done we will be connecting with Vince in the new year.
- Committee would like to go with the Super Heros as they are more cost effective.

It was note the Splash Pad construction may be started and we will need to review the fireworks location.

3. Discussion on Upcoming Events:

a. Holiday Happenings Reminders:

Santa Comes to Town (12/6/25) – Recap

- We went through 200 cookies at this event.
- Everything went well
- We had two carriages this year – one went south the other went north. There was a complaint from the north side of town with the carriage but next year will be hopefully better as we will be booking further out for both carriages. The horses from both farms were completely worn out by the time they were done. This year we were done at 3pm instead of right before Winter Wonderland started.

Committee noted this was a great event and during next year will review the carriage ride.

Winter Wonderland (12/6/25) – Recap

- This was a hit again!
- We went through almost 400 cookies at the decorating station
- Ornament station went great – we did a survey to see if anyone would be interested in sponsoring a tree; I'll let Danny recap.
- Jumpies were good
- Vendors were happy
- And everyone got to have their pictures taken with Santa, Grinch, Buddy, or the Princess.
- Huge kudos to Danny for taking the charge to get the building looking magical! He and many other staff members started decorating the week before Thanksgiving and we finished on Saturday morning the day of the event.

Committee would like to see hours scaled down to 6pm-8pm for 2026. It was brought up if we would like to make this a ticketed event – more discussion to come. We will have a clicker at the door next year to hopefully get a better count than using the cookie station.

Committee would like to advertise earlier for this event and all Christmas events; possibly at Party in the Park.

Parade (12/12,12/13, & 12/14)

- We are all set with this event.

Polar Express (Metra) (12/13/25)

- Discussion on plan to execute
- Danny and myself along with four other decorators will be going to the LaSalle Station to give ourselves about a half hour to decorate the two cars.

Breakfast with Santa (12/20/25)

- As of yesterday, we were at 365 tickets sold. Last year's final count was 473.
- We made another social media post regarding we still had availability.
- Over all we are all set for this event as well.

4. Other – Miscellaneous:

5.) A motion to adjourn at [8:47] o'clock p.m.

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