MRPA Programming Network Meeting Notes: 12/15

**Introductions:** 25 total participants, special event favorites – Halloween events, Candy Cane Hunt, December Dazzle, Fire and Ice

**Summer Planning:**

* Staffing
  + Staffing recruitments at special events
  + Highschool engagements
  + Social media (Facebook)
* Weather Policies
  + Prior Lake and Burnsville – run programs as is, treat these days as “optional” with modifications
    - Many families need to have their kids be somewhere so always ensure we have staff available on site.
  + City of Woodbury – Rarely cancel, make modifications
  + City of Duluth – Negative 20 windchill = cancel programs. Other than that, no cancellations.
  + Maple Grove – Lifeguards not wanting to work due to air quality – has been a challenge
* City Wide Events
  + Maple Grove works with outside committees to help with events
  + Working with external vendors
  + Important to really plan out dates for summer events
    - Email reach outs, helps with planning
* Bands
  + Burnsville – Power of 10, Kid Power with Rachel, and Salsa Del Sol
  + Cascade Bay – Minnesota Music Coalition and MN Presenters are good resources, Jensen Sisters are good
  + Hastings – Receive many band inquiries, save them, and review them to figure out the best and most appropriate.
  + Maple Grove – Mick Sterling is a great resource. Siama’s Congo is good for Kids
  + How to cities pay for bands?
    - Sponsors, Rec budget, and grants
* Any weeks or days cities avoid?
  + Burnsville – July 4th week
  + Prior Lake – July 4th week

**Juneteenth:**

* Eagan – Plan to run event Saturday after
* St. Peter – Run an event the Saturday before Holiday
* Recommendations: Need to include more history on the holiday, not just have a band/food truck, really showcase what Juneteenth is about.

**PRIDE Events:**

* Three Rivers – Collaborate with other organizations to plan and put something on, get staff involved to tell their stories
* Maple Grove – Collaborates with school district to put on event
* Duluth – Run by private entities

**Other Topics:**

* How is everyone handling employee sick and safe time?
  + Cities starting to meet/work with their HR Department to discuss
* MN Best Discussion
  + Trying to bring it back!

**Next meeting: Friday, January 19th at 10am**