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**