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Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Board President, John Hensch.

Officers present: John Hensch, Geo Blessing, Pat Zeigler.

Absent: Nikki Lewis, Matt Lewis.

Audience: Mike Zeigler, Kevin Smith, Ina Rowe, Nanette Merrill, Chad Schmeckpeper.

John read minutes of November 3rd meeting.

Current Business:

1. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Pat gave treasurer's report, as given to her by Nikki.
 - i. Starting balance, \$4604.72; no outstanding checks.
 - ii. Ending balance, \$4604.72.

2. Non-Profit Status:

- a. Since last general meeting, bylaws were drawn up by the Board of Trustees and submitted to the Incorporator, Attorney Kathryn J. Derr, 1301 S. 75th St., Suite 100, Omaha, NE, 68124.
 - i. As of November 18, MFF is registered with the Nebraska Secretary of State, as an 'Active' status, non-profit corporation, with account number 10217029.
 - ii. Still waiting on 'official notice from IRS.
 - iii. Ina Rowe and Pinpoint Labs donated attorney fees and cpa fees.
 - iv. Thank you to Ina from the Board for her generosity and help with getting this high-priority project accomplished.

3. Insurance:

- a. Insurance might be less-expensive if paid monthly, instead of in one lump sum.
 - i. Extra activities, i.e. fundraising events held prior to July 4th, should be included.
 - ii. Ina volunteered to call insurance agencies for lower costs, Directors and Officers insurance clause., etc.

4. Fundraising:

- a. Mike Zeigler, fundraising chairperson, looking at a tentative pancake feed in January and another one in Spring.
- b. Another garage sale during the Murray Garage Sale weekend in May, (probably 20th & 21st)
- c. Much discussion followed with ideas from attendees about wine/beer tastings,
 - i. Amateur beer makers, German beers
 - ii. Vineyards, i.e. Slatterys, Union Orchard, McCaulla's Oakview Vineyards, Kimmel, Arbor Farms
 - iii. Jam sessions, Silver Wings and others who would want to jam with them

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iv. John H. will speak to Martha at Lakeridge about having a jam session there for a fundraiser.

5. Kiddy Games:

a. Pat Zeigler spoke with Pastor Njus of Murray Christian Church about the churches hosting kiddy games.

i. Games could be 3-legged races, bean-bag toss, relay races, etc.

ii. Could be held at MPC or at Tyson Park to take advantage of new playground equipment there.

iii. Church volunteers would over-see games.

iv. Pastor Njus will speak to Presbyterian Church pastor about possibly holding a joint sunrise service at one of the village parks.

6. Carnival:

a. Ina said if we have giant inflatables we could get them for 8 hours and the company would provide set-up and tear-down.

i. Pat will give Jeff Jamison a call to get with Ina about the carnival.

ii. Cotton candy machine was donated to school by Ina with stipulation that the village/MFF could use it.

b. Airbrush tattoos were a big hit last year.

c. We'll try to get the face painter to return again, as that was popular, too. Ina thought she was from Weeping Water.

d. Mike Z. will contact Deon Wagner with Oriental Trading to see if we can get some deals on game prizes, etc.

7. Parade:

a. Geo volunteered to be parade chairman.

8. Sound system:

a. Geo also offered to take care of the sound system again this year. He and his dad have always done a great job with it in years past.

9. Fun Run:

a. Chad Schmeckpeper offered to organize the Fun Run with the help of his wife, April.

i. He suggests larger signs and fliers be displayed/distributed sooner this year.

10. Concessions:

a. Need to start arranging for food vendors/preparers/volunteers for concession stands.

b. Portable, brick-oven pizza vendor at Beaver Lake. Kevin Smith thinks the name is 'Jugheads' on Beaver Lake Boulevard. He'll try to find more info.

c. Kevin also offered to speak to Murray VFD about using their pull-behind grill.

11. Shirts:

a. John suggested design ideas for shirts and oozeball be done by Cass County

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schools.

- i. Possible \$15 registration fee for submitting design.
- ii. Winning designs, voted on by Board, would receive a free t-shirt or gift card.

12. Grants:

- a. Pat Z. suggested submitting a grant request to Cass County Tourism.
 - i. Requests are due by Dec. 31st.
 - ii. Geo and Ina volunteered to start work on grant immediately.

13. Signs:

- a. Start getting sign company cost comparisons.
 - i. Geo will check with Adkins Signs in Nebraska City.
 - ii. Mike Z. will check with Rainbow Press in Omaha for fliers.

14. Fireworks:

- a. Need to call Night Vision fireworks company to find out about deadline for downpayment.

15. Bingo

- a. Mike Gillott will still be in charge of Bingo this year, although we need a larger venue.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Zeigler, Secretary

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