

## 2016-02-16 MFF MEETING MINUTES

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MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL

BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:08 by President, John Hensch.

Other attending Board Members: Co-Vice Presidents, George Blessing, Jr. and Matt Lewis; Treasurer, Nikki Lewis; Secretary, Pat Zeigler.

Attending guest volunteers: Mike Zeigler, Pastor Mike Njus, Gretchen King, Harold Hammons, Melissa Hammons and April Schmeckpeper.

Minutes of last meeting were read by John Hensch;

1. Motion to approve by Geo Blessing, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Zeigler. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

1. Starting balance \$4604.72.
  - a. \$15.49 for filing nonprofit papers.
  - b. Balance is now \$4589.23.

Easter Egg Hunt:

1. Since we had our coffee/donut mini-fundraiser last year at the Easter egg hunt, there was discussion tonight about who or what organization would take that over since the Lions Club has dissolved, however MFF did not offer to sponsor it.

Grant:

1. MFF has applied for an advertising grant from Cass County Tourism. CCT phoned John and said that it's likely that we'll receive a grant, but we'll have to wait and see exactly how much. They'll notify by (postal) mail.

Car Show:

1. Melissa Hammons has offered to organize a car show to take place on July 4th.

- a. She suggested to close street off between Murray Bank to Campbell Street for show.
- b. She'll try to get on Village Board's next meeting agenda in March to ask their approval.
- c. Harold Hammons also suggested inviting classic tractor owners to participate.
- d. She'll talk with Dawn from Firehouse Grille to possibly furnish food to entrants.

#### 5K Fun Run:

1. April Schmeckpeper spoke with Anytime Fitness about sponsoring again this year, but has had no response. AF is in the process of opening another location, so they've been quite busy with that.
2. After much discussion, registration fees for the 5K have been set as follows: 5 & under free; ages 6-18, \$15; age 19 – 55, \$25; over age 56, \$20.
  - a. It was also discussed and approved to have names of those who donate \$50 or more on all t-shirts, both 5K and oozeball, however donations MUST BE received by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. April will check with different local companies for pricing on shirts, etc.

#### Pancake Feed:

1. Mike Zeigler has priced supplies for pancake feed at Sam's Club.
2. Steve Gdovic with Murray Fire and Rescue has placed the announcement on the MVFD marquee.
3. Volunteers were asked to be at the elementary school on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 8: am, to help set-up for the feed. They can bring roasters, coolers, crockpots, also.
4. Eric Dennis will see that we get a key to the building before that date.
5. John Hensch said to go ahead and post pancake feed fliers up now, even though we have not heard official word from Cass County Tourism on the advertising grant.
6. Zeiglers and Nikki Lewis will start cooking sausage a couple of days before the feed at Zeigler's house.
7. Mike Zeigler will post paper pancake feed fliers around the county.

#### Murray Christian Church:

1. Pastor Mike Njus and Gretchen King talked about bringing back kiddy games, possible bounce house and dunk tank all taking place at MCC.
2. Church members have discussed serving walking tacos, ice cream, etc.
3. Pastor Njus has offered to be POC for the Presbyterian Church, as well.
  - a. MFF Board has agreed that if MPC would like to use Young Park concession stand for their own concessions, which would be fine. MFF would like to bring the churches back into the village-wide celebration.
  - b. Gretchen suggested that if MPC is NOT interested, maybe a school sports team would like to do it.

#### Plattsmouth Journal:

1. Patti Peterson from Plattsmouth Journal would like to run a story on MFF.
2. Pat Zeigler to be in touch with her to set up a time.

Fireworks:

1. Jim Howe, rep for NightVision Fireworks, was to be at tonight's meeting, but was absent.

Geo motioned to close meeting, Pat seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary