

2017-11-07

## MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL MEETING MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT: George Blessing IV (President), Judy Simpson (Treasurer, attending via phone), Kevin Smith (Recording Secretary), Nikki Lewis (Sergeant at arms), Matt Lewis

Guests: Becky Smart, Mike Gillot

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Blessing.

Motion to approve minutes from 2017-10-03 made by M. Lewis, seconded by Smith.

Treasurer's Report: by Smith

- a) Beginning Balance: \$5833.70
- b) Debits: \$198.12
- c) Deposits: \$1425.71
- d) Ending Balance: \$7061.29

Submission of Bills:

- a) Main Street Jewelers, nameplates installed on plaque for Grand Marshalls. \$208.65
- b) Brown's Florist, Beil flowers. \$50.00

Smith added his signature to checks to pay bills

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Blessing and Smith have stored inventory items at the shed in Young Park. The Board discussed continued storage at the park. Blessing has food and items that could freeze at his home. Smith offered to store items at a building in Beaver Lake for 1 year for free. Mike Gillot (Murray Town Council Chairman) offered to donate the shed (former restrooms) for the storage of Festival items, so long as Murray has a key. Smith asked about knocking down the partition walls and capping waste and water pipes. Gillot agreed with the suggested improvements, adding that the roof needed attention. Gillot will look at drainage issues from the tennis court. The Board agreed to meet onsite in the near future and formulate a plan. No date was set. Smith made a motion to table the issue, M. Lewis seconded.

The purchase of a Windows 10 based laptop computer for the Treasurer was discussed. Three options were discussed prior to the meeting, and a Dell was settled on after a discussion at the meeting. Smith made a motion

to purchase the Dell, M. Lewis seconded. Dell to be purchased by Simpson.

Smith asked if any additional software would be needed, Blessing said we should purchase a 1 yr. subscription to Office 365. Smith made a motion to purchase an Office 365 1 yr. subscription, M. Lewis seconded. Software to be picked up by Simpson.

Simpson will apply for a Cass County Tourism grant again this year.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Ideas for fundraising were discussed. A tentative date for a garage sale was set in May, Nikki will check with the Church and other parties to see if that date will work.

Chili and pancake feeds were discussed, with a February date for the chili feed and an April date for the Pancake feed tentatively set. The purchase of some heavy extension cords was discussed. More will be discussed after checking with the School and Pancake Man for availability.

Renting tables to vendors to sell crafts, and Bingo was discussed.

Becky Smart, T.E.A.M. Coordinator with CHI Health asked if they could sponsor the Kids Carnival at Tyson Park during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival event. T.E.A.M. promotes smoke-free parks, and in addition to the Tyson Park event being smoke-free, will provide trinkets for the event. Murray First Presbyterian Church has agreed to run the Carnival again in 2018.

A suggestion of food vendors for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was discussed. Food trucks were discussed, with multiple vendors for some variety. Becky Smart offered to furnish some lists of food vendors. This topic will be discussed further at a future meeting. M. Lewis will contact some vendors to see what is available. M. Gillot suggested running an ad for vendors to work the festival.

There was a very brief discussion of the continued use of the Biel property for the Festival.

An art contest for the High School was discussed. Opinions were against it.

Mike and Pat Zeigler donated a very nice engraved plate identifying Jeff Olson who made the Grand Marshall plaque, a very nice gesture. Jeff donated the materials and built the plaque for free. The plate will be added to the plaque to identify the maker.

Next Meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Murray  
Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 8:27, by M. Lewis, seconded by  
Smith

Respectfully,

Kevin Smith

Murray Freedom Festival Recording Secretary