

Murray Freedom Festival Minutes

Murray Village Hall – May 10, 2018

Trustees Present: George Blessing IV (President), Judy Simpson (Treasurer), Nikki Lewis, Matt Lewis
Guests: Mike Gillott (Chairman, Village of Murray)

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

Minutes of previous Meeting

- a. Motion To accept: Matt L.
 - b. Second: Judy S.
 - c. Discussion: None
 - d. Vote: Pass
2. Treasurer's report
- a. Currently \$7948.61, minus a \$50 payment to Wes Redden (The Pancake Man)
 - i. Pancake feed netted \$1324.27
 - ii. The Vendor fair covered our expenses
 - b. Motion: Matt L.
 - c. Second: George B.
 - d. Discussion: See above
 - e. Vote: Pass
3. Submission of bills
- a. A check for \$3763.59 as written to Night Visions Fireworks covering half of the cost of the 4th of July Fireworks Show.
4. Old business
- a. Insurance Update
 - i. We will go through the company we used last year and are currently awaiting an application for the additional insurance.
 - ii. Judy will continue to communicate with Harry Koch Company.
 - b. April 9th Pancake Feed
 - i. Very successful – refer to Treasurer's report
 - ii. Many participants will be back next year
 - c. Restroom facilities on July 4th
 - i. Judy will contact A-Relief to set this up.
 - ii. We'll use the same number but will move the School one from last year to Tyson Park.
 - d. Fireworks
 - i. Todd will have a contract for us to sign on Sat, 05/12/2018 – Nikki will facilitate.
 - ii. Todd has guaranteed us the same show for the same price this year.
 - iii. Motion to approve a check in the amount of \$3763.59 to Night Visions fireworks: Matt L.
 - iv. Second: Nikki L.
 - v. Discussion: See above
 - vi. Vote: Pass
 - e. Ice Cream Truck
 - i. The ice cream truck will be in Murray on July 4th and Ann W. has confirmed this.
5. New Business
- a. Fundraising Update
 - i. MFF Garage Sale
 1. Friday, Saturday 05/18 05/19 – setup on Thu, 05/17.
 2. Donations on 05/17 from 10-2, 6-8. Pastor Mike and his assistant, Jill.

3. No clothing / big furniture
 4. Pat Z. will publish in Murray Newsletter, we will publish in Facebook
 5. Hours: Fri, 8a to 4p (Matt, Nikki), Sat, 8a to 4p (Geo, Ann – Nikki will contact Cathy Smith for additional help)
 6. Concessions
 - a. Donuts in the AM, Hotdogs, Chips, Soda after 11a.
 - b. Setup will be finalized Thursday night.
 7. Advertise in Facebook and email.
- ii. Donations from area businesses
 1. Nikki has the list of donors from last year
 2. Matt will assemble the list
 - iii. Lawn Chairs
 1. We have two nice lawn chairs from Murray Building and Supply which we will give away at the Car Show this year.
 - iv. Mobile Veterans Wall
 1. Info here – 30 feet wide
 2. Will put this on the School Gym
 3. We need a picture of it to include in publicity
 4. Need to know what years / wars are included
 5. Need more info for advertising – what branches?
 6. Motion to contact Bridget Scott and secure it for MFF 2018: Judy S.
 - a. Second: Matt L.
 - b. Discussion: See above
 - c. Vote: Pass
 - v. Young Park and MCC parking areas
 1. Jessica Vallery will bring t-posts and caution tape to keep people off of the new owners' property
 2. This will be done the night of the 3rd during setup
 3. Matt has communicated with Pastor Mike regarding allowing MFF to use
 4. President George will contact Becky Smart for No-Alcohol / No-Smoking signage at the MCC Parking lot and Young Park
- b. Activities Update
- i. Parade – emails are going out and responses are coming in
 1. President George will contact Gregg Young about cars
 - ii. Food Vendors
 1. Matt has talked with Harvey Burtley – Skeeter's BBQ Shack
 2. Serve from 10a until end of day
 3. Burgers, Hot Dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, chips, and drinks
 4. Harvey will use the concession stand and will provide a menu by the June meeting if not sooner.
 5. Heraclio Montes of Murray would like to serve Mexican food - Car Show Concession
 - a. He will be invited to the June meeting for coordination
 - iii. Oozeball
 1. Chad and April Schmeckpeper may be able to help run the tournament – need help
 2. Judy and Jessica will handle registration
 3. Jessica has taken care of the medals, Schmeckpepers are doing the awards for the 5k.
 4. President George will provide speakers and a mic for the event.
 - iv. Car Show
 1. 10a to 6p

2. Cars in back, tractors in front
 3. President George will obtain the plaques
 4. The two Chairs listed above will be part of the prizes
 5. Door prizes – each participant will get a ticket and these will be drawn for prizes
 6. Hugh and Angie Schuett of Omaha will run the Car Show
- c. Motion to enter Executive Session regarding Discussion of Grand Marshal: Matt L.
 - d. Second: Judy L.
 - e. Vote: Pass – entered 824p
 - f. Motion to exit Executive Session: Matt L.
 - i. Second: Nikki L.
 - ii. Vote: Pass – exit @ 826p
 - g. Office 365
 - i. This will be addressed at a future meeting
6. Open discussion
- a. Murray Christian Church
 - i. THANK YOU! MCC has been a good friend to MFF.
 - b. Matt L.
 - i. We need to create yard signs to ask for Volunteers
 - ii. Motion to authorize \$100 for corrugated plastic volunteer signs with t-posts: Judy L.
 1. Second: George B.
 2. Discussion: We will include the email address and Matt will contact Quality Signs (Plattsmouth) and
 3. President George will check with Becky Smart.
7. Next meeting
- a. Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Meeting adjourned: 8:46p

Respectfully submitted,
George Blessing, President