

MEETING MINUTES - MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL – February 2, 2021

Attendees: George Blessing Jr., George Blessing Sr., and Liz Guenther.

Guests: Jimmy Howe, Mari Howe, John Masters.

1. Call to order at 7:10p.
2. Minutes from previous (January 11, 2021) meeting
 - a. Motion to accept: Liz G.
 - b. Second: George Sr.
 - c. Voted carried
3. Financial Report
 - a. Previous Balance (01/11/2021) \$2577.08
 - b. Deposits
 - i. None
 - c. Payments
 - i. None
 - d. Donations
 - i. None
 - e. Pending invoices
 - i. None
 - f. Future invoices
 - i. None
 - g. Balance as of 02/02/2021 \$2577.08
 - h. Note: Previous Financial Report did NOT reflect the \$25 reimbursement (Ck #1173, 12/01/2020) paid to Barb Rainey for the Grand Marshal display update.
 - i. Motion to accept as published: George Sr.
 - j. Second: Liz G.
 - k. Motion Carried
4. Old Business
 - a. Cass County Tourism Advertising grant application
 - i. Filed with Cass County Tourism.
5. New Business
 - a. IRS 990 filing
 - i. Received an email from our "Simple990" website provider – can do this currently.
 - b. Fundraiser ideas
 - i. Pancake fundraiser – Wes Redden at Conestoga Elementary?
 - ii. Cornhole tournament at Lake Ridge
 1. George Sr. is in communication with Rowdy Woodard regarding scheduling
 - iii. Facebook fundraising is also a good idea, similar to Go Fund Me.
 1. Liz is working on online fundraising.
 - c. "Modified Event" elements
 - i. 5k
 1. Need to communicate with April Schmeckpepper and get this going by no later than April 1.
 - ii. Car Show at Conestoga Elementary
 1. We will communicate with Donnie Strong about this possibility.
 - d. Fundraising
 - i. Jerome S. will begin talking to past contributors regarding donations for this year's event.

- ii. Liz G. will look into various methods of online fundraising - GoFundMe, Facebook, and others are possible.
 - e. Fireworks
 - i. July 4th is on a Sunday this year.
 - ii. Jimmy and John are going to run the fireworks show as they did last year.
 - iii. The fireworks show will be around the \$10k mark as last year.
 - iv. John will host a demo night on
 - v. Jimmy and John are assembling the staffing for the show along with the necessary permits and insurance.
 - vi. Beaver Lake is on July 3 and Council Bluffs is on July 2.
 - vii. The show will have more 4" shells this year.
 - viii. The show will have a story as in past years.
 - ix. "Train Wreck"
 - 1. The Freedom Show – freedom from COVID.
 - x. June 19th is Demo night at Buccaneer Bay.
 - f. Payment to Outlet Fireworks
 - i. Motion to pay \$1500 as a pre-payment to Outlet Fireworks: George Sr.
 - ii. Second: Liz G.
 - iii. Discussion: This will help to secure better deals on fireworks for the show. Check #1174.
 - iv. Motion Carried.
- 6. Open Discussion
 - a. Jimmy Howe will bring a car to be smashed.
 - b. There will also be some holographic devices.
- 7. Adjourn at 9:15p.
- 8. Next meeting will be on Tue, 03/02/2021 at 7p at the Murray City Hall.

Respectfully,

George Blessing, Chairman

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