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MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL
BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Co-Vice President, Matt Lewis.

Attending Board Members: Treasurer, Nikki Lewis, Co-Vice President, George Blessing, Jr., Secretary, Pat Zeigler.
President, John Hensch arrived at 7:40.

Audience: Mike Zeigler, Kevin Smith.

Minutes of December 1, 2015 meeting read by Matt Lewis.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Nikki Lewis reports the balance stands at \$4604.72 since last meeting.
 - a. No deposits made, no debits.

Non-Profit Status:

1. MFF is good to go! Approval by Secretary of State of Nebraska states that as of November 10, 2015, MFF is officially a NEBRASKA NONPROFIT CORPORATION.
2. Public Notice was posted in Plattsmouth Journal on Nov.26, Dec.3 and Dec.10, 2015.
3. Notification was received by IRS, dated December 8, 2015, that MFF qualifies as a public charity under Internal Revenue Code, (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).
 - a. MFF is required to annually file form 990/990-EZ OR electronic notice, Form 990-N, the e-Postcard.
 - b. If the required return or notice is not filed for three consecutive years, MFF's exempt status will be revoked.

Insurance:

1. Pat will check with Ina Rowe to see what she found out about insurance.

Fundraising:

1. Mike Zeigler broke down into categories, where we can seek donations.
 - a. John Hensch: Murray Bank, Lakeridge Golf Course, Brown Floral, Murray Repair, Murray Building & Supply, Firehouse Bar & Grill and Fast Grass.
 - b. Nikki Lewis: Murdoch Farms, Ahrens, Hobscheidt Farms, Schlichtemeier Farms, Farmers' Co-Op, Ron Nolte.
 - c. Matt Lewis: 75 Mart, BP, Mr. Landscape, Tiki Time, Cooke Construction, SAC, Plattsmouth State Bank, Cass County Bank, Mom's Cafe, No Frills, Rishel and Pfeiffer CPA.
 - d. Mike Zeigler: Pizza Hut, Godfather's, Taco Bell/KFC, DQ, SHOPKO, Hy-Vee, Sam's Club, Walmart, Westover Trucking.
 - e. Harold Hammons: Schmidt Trucking, Cummings Machinery, Wiles Brothers, Pro Chrysler, Jeff Henry Auto, Woodhouse, Bomgaars.

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2. When seeking donations, each volunteer will take a copy of the IRS letter and a receipt book.
 - a. Nikki will purchase 5 receipt books, (50/book), in the event someone donates cash and/or needs a receipt.
 - b. Pat Z. to make copies of IRS letter for each volunteer seeking donations.

3. Mike Z. has called Eric Dennis about acquiring the elementary school for another pancake feed, (or two). Mr. Dennis has not returned the call as of today.
 - a. Looking at possibly the last week of January or first week of February and maybe another in April or May.
 - b. Wes Redden has told us he'd be happy to make pancakes for us again this year.
 - c. Discussion was also held as to maybe changing from a pancake feed to a spaghetti feed, or soup and chili supper.
 - d. Need to try to coordinate it with a school event for more attendance.

4. Kevin Smith stated that the Beaver Lake Ladies Auxilliary has expressed an interest in hosting the Easter Egg Hunt at Tyson Park this year, since the Lions Club has dissolved.
 - a. Cathy Smith will contact Pat about that.
 - b. MFF would possibly donate candy/plastic eggs.
 - c. Would MFF have another coffee/donut stand that morning also, as last year?

5. Discussion about doing 50/50 raffles at pancake feeds, garage sale and again on the 4th of July.

6. Discussion on what donators get in return for their donation.
 - a. Name announced in or after parade? Names on banners? Names in large 'thank you' ads in Plattsmouth Journal?
 - b. Matt Lewis to check Quality Signs and Accelerated Graphics in Plattsmouth and George to check with Adkins Signs in Nebraska City on pricing.

7. John Hensch received an email from John Stapp with information about a tractor pull.

8. Car Show.
 - a. Mike Zeigler will contact Roger Gallagher about helping to organize a car show.

Parade:

1. Geo said there's a 'traffic jam' at the Young Park where parade ends. We need to find a better solution for that.
2. Nikki to talk to Girl Scouts about being in parade and carrying flags.
3. Matt to talk to Shriner's about having them in parade.
4. Gretchen King will give notes to Geo about parade.

5K Fun Run:

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1. Schmeckpepers to take care of that, as Chad stated at previous meeting.

Games:

1. Pat will contact churches again about kiddy games throughout the day.

Oozeball:

1. Need volunteers to staff sign-up/over-see.

Concessions:

1. Suggestion of pulled pork, hot dogs, chips and drink combos.
2. Ask churches if they want to do concessions.
 - a. Suggested that MFF supply food and churches supply manpower.

Fireworks:

1. John Hensch will contact Todd Morris and ask him to next month's meeting, so MFF knows how much of a deposit is needed, and when it's due.

Security:

1. Is security required for insurance purposes?
 - a. Matt will try to find out more information on this.

Bingo:

1. Need to find a larger venue, as Town Hall was too crowded last year.
 - a. Maybe ask Murray Cafe?

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Matt Lewis moved for adjournment, George seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary

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