

2016-04-05

MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL BOARD of TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES

Meeting brought to order at 7:03 by Board President, John Hensch.

Attending Trustees: President, John Hensch; Co- Vice President, Matt Lewis; Treasurer, Nikki Lewis; Secretary, Pat Zeigler.

Attending volunteers: Fundraising Chairperson, Mike Zeigler; Kevin Smith; Mike Gillott, (Bingo); Harold Hammons; Melissa Hammons, (Car Show); Chad Schmeckpeper, (5K Fun Run).

Guests, Conestoga High student, Zeke Rouse and parents; Dave and Mary Nielsen.

President Hensch welcomed all the new faces in the audience. Nice to see more interest as the 4th grows closer.

Hensch handed out copies of last meeting's minutes for all to read for themselves.

1. Motion to approve minutes by Blessing, second by M. Lewis. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

1. Beginning balance: \$5877.28
 - a) Deposits +2719.41
 - b) Paid out -3851.59
 - c) Ending balance: \$4745.10
 - d) Harold Hammons presented two checks tonight, each in the amount of \$500, from Wiles Brothers Fertilizers, Inc., and Cummins Central Power. Thank you, Harold!
2. Motion by Blessing to approve Treasurer's report, seconded by Hensch.

New Business:

1. Zeke Rouse, junior at Conestoga and Boy Scout with his 'life' ranking.
 - a) Asked to have a flag-burning ceremony during Freedom Festival.
 - b) Plans to ask a member of each military branch, legion members, and possibly a guest speaker.
 - c) Has yet to ask Village permission.
 - d) Needs to seek burn permit.
2. Suggestions by Board
 - a) Possibly a 'patriotic sign-along.
 - b) To have ceremony on road behind Young Park's baseball backstop at road intersection.
 - c) Start the 45-minute ceremony at approximately 9 p.m.

3. Motion to approve flag ceremony by Blessing, seconded by Zeigler. Unanimously approved.

5K Fun Run:

1. Chad Schmeckpeper: Presented preliminary posters for 5K run, ideas for shirts and prices.
 - a) Board advised that 'Funded in Part by Cass County Tourism' and 'Visitcasscounty.com' needs to be added to all fliers, posters, media.
 - b) Besides the lower online registration fees, a note stating a higher 'day of registration' fee also needs to be added to website, all fliers, posters, etc.
 - c) Anytime Fitness, (Chad Aaron), will donate \$250 and help set-up.
 - d) Chad S. asked to make signs to start posting around town.

Motion to approve, Blessing, first; M. Lewis, second.

Fundraising:

1. Mike Zeigler stated that his fundraising is going great, so far.
 - a) Asked for updates from other volunteers seeking donations, but there were none at this time.
2. May 20-21 is garage sale fundraiser.
 - a) Zeigler asked that anyone having items to donate, please consider Freedom Festival.
 - b) Nikki Lewis and Pat Zeigler to work garage sale.
3. Saturday, May 21, will also be a fundraiser pancake feed at Conestoga Elementary School starting probably around 7 a.m. to hopefully catch early garage sale shoppers.
 - a) Kevin Smith and Geo Blessing, Jr. will help M. Zeigler at school.
 - b) Hensch offered to rotate between school and church and help wherever needed.
4. Mike and Pat Zeigler have been hand-writing thank you cards and mailing them as soon as donations are received.
 - a) M. Zeigler asked that other volunteers please let them know when they receive a donation so a card can be written right away.
5. Egg hunt coffee and donuts netted \$119.41. A good turn-out for a gray, drizzly day!

Tax filing:

1. Hensch scheduled an appointment with CPA, Jeff Hamernik, for April 20th, Wednesday, 10 a.m.
 - a) Treasurer Lewis and P. Zeigler will attend.

Insurance:

1. P. Zeigler has been in touch with Pam Caba in Plattsmouth for event insurance.
 - a) Caba said she's pretty sure our event insurance will be around \$500-600, however she hasn't received anything from the underwriters as yet.

Young Park Concession

1. Murray Presbyterian Church has turned-down the Festival's offer to operate the concession stand during the Festival.
 - a) M. Lewis will make offer to trap team this Saturday.
 - b) If they're not interested, Festival committee will open to other groups.

Portable Toilets:

1. Zeigler presented temporary contract from A-RELIEF, P.O. BOX 878, Bellevue, NE for two single units at a rate of \$125 and \$95, which were last year's rates.
 - a) She'll check on one ADA and one regular for oozeball use, so players can change clothes in the larger one.
 - b) A-Relief will set up a few days before and probably pick up within 2 days.

Keep Cass County Beautiful, (KCCB):

1. Linda Behrns, representative for KCCB, sent an email offering 50-gallon recycle bins with lids for the Festival.
 - a) Bins have cut-out holes for aluminum cans and plastic bottles.
 - b) KCCB will deliver and pick up as many bins as we think will be needed.
 - c) It would be helpful if the Festival committee would report how many bags of bottles/cans are collected.
 - d) Festival clean-up crew would be responsible for emptying bins in our own containers.
 - e) Hensch offered to dispose of the bags at the zoo's large recycle facility.
 - f) Board decided that 16 bins should be enough for the entire event with locations at Young Park, Murray Christian Church, Tyson Park, Conestoga Elementary and car show.
 - g) P. Zeigler will contact Behrns with acceptance of the offer.
2. Motion by Blessing to approve, second by Zeigler. Motion carried.

Bingo:

1. Mike Gillott asked what time he should start. In the past it's been about 1-3 or maybe 4 p.m.
 - a) Time will be for 2-5pm at Conestoga Elementary to have a 'fill-in' activity for the afternoon, after car show and before parade.
 - b) He's concerned about which doors will be used and will need someone to help keep an eye on people coming into the school, so no one's running around the hallways, etc.
 - c) We'll check with Eric Dennis as to if school can be cleaned up on Sunday, so clean-up crew can enjoy parade.
- c) Toy and candy prizes are okay for kids.

Car Show:

1. Melissa Hammons received permission from Village for blocking off N. Park Ave. , between Murray State Bank and Firehouse Grille, to Campbell for car show participants
 - a) Village approved for use between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 - b) Plans are to have show only from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - c) There was no plan as yet as to who would supply meals for participants, as Hammons stated previously that she'd ask Firehouse Grille to provide one meal to each entrant

Next meeting will be May 3, 2016, Murray Town Hall, 7 p.m.

M. Lewis moved to adjourn, Blessing, seconded.

As there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary