

MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL BOARD of TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES

2016-06-21

LOCATION: Murray, NE Town Hall

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE:

President, John Hensch; Co-vice presidents, George Blessing, Jr. and Matt Lewis; Treasurer, Nikki Lewis; Secretary, Pat Zeigler

COMMITTEES PRESENT:

5K Freedom Run, April Schmeckpeper; Fundraising Chair, Mike Zeigler; Car Show and Website, Melissa Hammons; Bingo, Mike Gillott; Parade, George Blessing, Jr.

ABSENT:

Sheila Simpson, Conestoga Boosters rep for Young Park concessions; Murray Christian Church rep; Zeke Rouse, Boy Scout

AUDIENCE/VOLUNTEERS: Ben Wallace, Insurance rep.; Kevin Smith; Harold Hammons; Nanette Merrill; Chad Aaron, (Anytime Fitness); one unknown man.

Meeting called to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. by President Hensch.

Approve minutes of last meeting as previously submitted and read by Board via email; Motion to approve by Hensch, by Blessing, M. Lewis. Motion carried.

OUT –OF-CYCLE MEETING:

1. Immediately after 2016-06-07 Board meeting, Board members found that volunteer shirts needed to be ordered.
2. Motion to approve volunteer shirt order by M. Lewis, second by Hensch, third by Blessing.
3. Motion carried to order additional volunteer shirts.
4. M. Lewis will order shirts.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Beginning balance: \$7969.41
2. Ending balance: \$10918.55
3. N. Lewis to ask Murray State Bank for 5 money bags

INSURANCE:

Ben Wallace, Sales Executive, P: 402-861-7056 | F: 402-861-7256, The Harry A. Koch Co. , Ben.Wallace@hakco.com

1. Wallace presented the proposal he'd drawn up for MFF on both event insurance and Directors and Officers coverage.
2. Also outlined some options the Board might be interested in to add to policy.
3. Will check the general waiver Secretary Zeigler drafted and submit to company for any suggested changes.
4. Board has until June 29, 2016 to make decisions, due to timeline being so close to event.
5. Wallace will find out when payment is due.

FUNDRAISING:

1. Mike Zeigler reported that fundraising has gone well, as deposits were reported by Treasurer in report.

CAR SHOW:

1. No Frills Supermarket will donate \$250 in food for car show participants.
2. Hammons has coolers for water and tables
3. Contacted 'Print Like Flint' in Weeping Water today for dash plates
4. Is pricing a banner to post at car show area
5. P. Zeigler advised Hammons that Zeiglers have non-food items, i.e. napkins, cups, plates, eating utensils, food service gloves, so those would not have to be purchased.
6. Hammons was also informed that any cash amount leftover on gift card needs to be set aside for any other MFF events coming up in the following year.
7. Suggestion of fried chicken from No Frills, salads containing no mayonnaise, could be served, along with hot dogs, chips, etc.
8. P. Zeigler stated that she contacted Carol & Harry Kennedy, owners of property at 104 W Main St, and they offered to set portable toilet unit in back of the property, next to privacy fence, adjacent to alley for car show participants' use.

9. Zeigler has already reserved the unit from A-Relief Services and will meet with them for proper placement of unit next week

WEBSITE:

1. M. Hammons added the schedule of events flier to the website
2. Hammons has been aware of many more needed changes for several weeks and was, once again, advised to make the necessary changes very soon.

5K FREEDOM FUN RUN/WALK:

1. April Schmeckpeper will order approximately 60, 5K shirts tonight at the approximate cost of \$400.
2. Each shirt is \$5.45, printer's one-time set-up fees are \$45.
3. Main Street Jewelers in Plattsmouth will donate and engrave medals.
4. Schmeckpeper purchased 100 bib numbers
5. Hy-Vee will donate water & fruit for runners
6. Zeiglers will man a water station from their driveway for runners
7. Discussion with Chad Aaron, Anytime Fitness, about making painted directions clearer for runners, as there was some confusion last year.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:

1. Scout, Zeke Rouse unable to attend tonight's meeting.
2. Asked P. Zeigler to confirm that G. Blessing would have Scout project area set-up for sound.
3. G. Blessing confirmed the sound set-up.

CONCESSIONS:

1. Sheila Simpson, Conestoga Booster Club secretary was not at tonight's meeting.

MURRAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

1. No representative attended tonight's meeting.

BINGO:

1. Mike Gillott, Liberty Enterprises will donate candy/chips for kids' prizes
2. Hensch stated that Omaha Zoo will donate small plush toys
3. On June 25 when volunteers and Board members check supply shed, Gillott will take Bingo game and related supplies home to check
4. Gillott wants to set-up at school on July 4th at 1:00 pm.
5. Bingo games will run 2 – 5 p.m.

OOZEBALL:

1. M. and N. Lewis will order T-shirts from Accelerated Graphics.
2. Hensch has contacted Gary Deterding who will till courts 3-4 days prior to 4th.
3. M. Lewis and Hensch to wet down court
4. Volleyballs will need to be checked/aired
5. M. Zeigler will make large double-elimination brackets
6. There is a large white board in the storage shed that should work
7. Need to get dry erase marker for bracket

DETONATOR RAFFLE:

1. Suggested by P. Zeigler that we use tickets that don't have to be filled-out with name/phone numbers; only numbered, two-part tickets.
2. M. Gillott stated that he might have a roll of tickets to donate.
3. H. Hammons offered to sell some detonator tickets at the Car Show
4. Blessing or Jim Howe to announce winning ticket approximately 9:45 p.m.
5. Need container to put raffle ticket stubs in

PARADE:

1. Blessing reported that he's sent out many, many invitations and heard back from a few, but not many, for entry in the parade
2. Still waiting on Boy Scouts for carrying colors
3. Needs drivers for Miss Murray/Grand Marshal
4. Suggestions of Gretchen/Ricky King as drivers
5. Parade route on website needs to be changed from 'south to Tyson Park'

SMASH-a-CAR:

1. Hensch will supply sledgehammers, goggles

2. P. Zeigler will supply waivers for participants
3. Anthony Lewis, (Nikki/Matt Lewis' son will work booth)

BEIL PROPERTY SIGNS:

1. Board decided not to accept Quality Signs proposal of 15 double-sided, full color with artwork & frames for \$240.00; or 25 single sided one color with artwork & frames for \$162.00. Too expensive.
2. Zeiglers will work on making some signs

GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATIONS:

1. Harold Hammons nominated Dale Nickels who passed away June 3 of this year
 - a) Suggested that we nominate Nickels posthumously
2. Other nominations:
 - a) Paul Rice
 - b) Al Konfrst
 - c) Keith Felthousen
 - d) Joyce & Bill Johnson
 - e) Stan Flak
 - f) Dale Stock
3. Unanimous vote by all Board members and attendees to select Dale Nickels posthumously.
 - a) First time in event history that all in attendance at the meeting, including audience, had opportunity to vote. In previous years, only Board voted.
4. P. Zeigler to notify Dale's family, wife, Alice Metz-Nickels
5. Will also ask if family would like to ride in the parade convertible
6. Ask Janet Gruber, Brown Floral, to make large wreath for car
 - a) Unanimous vote to pay for wreath, if Gruber does not donate
7. Board highly suggested that election decision stays within confines of Town Hall meeting room, only to be announced at 11 a.m. on July 4th, car show area.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. CHAD AARON, Anytime Fitness,
 - a) donated \$250 at tonight's meeting.
2. SET-UP:
 - a) July 3rd, 4 p.m. Can do oozeball nets, possibly water courts,
 - b) Ask Paul Rice to bring flatbed trailer in early evening.
 - c) HENSCH will bring showerheads, 8' table & canopy tent for oozeball area
3. EQUIPMENT CHECK:
 - a) Flags
 - 1) Matt Lewis to ask if someone will donate a flag
 - 2) Lewis & Hensch to check flagpole tonight for distance between rivets
4. P. Zeigler will print signs for booths, i.e. 5K, OOZEBALL DETONATOR RAFFLE, BINGO, ETC.

MISS MURRAY:

1. Per Gretchen King, via text message with P. Zeigler, Miss Murray has been chosen.
2. Zeigler knows who it is, but selection is to remain secret until announcement at 11 a.m. on July 4th, in the Car Show area.

CHEERLEADERS:

1. Mary Beth Butterfield was in contact about the cheerleaders having a necklace booth from 1-4 p.m.
2. Zeigler told Butterfield that would be fine, but discouraged face painting, since Murray Christian Church would be doing that.

CLOWNS:

1. Per telecom w/Pat Zeigler, on June 14, 2016, Carrie Reich, 402-214-2175, offered glitter tattoos, balloon animals, but cannot attend MFF until later in the afternoon.
2. Zeigler told Reich that would be fine if Reich purchased her own supplies.

3. Reich was invited to be in the parade also and could set-up a booth at Young Park after the parade if she wishes to do so.

GRANT:

1. P. Zeigler reminded all to keep receipts to be submitted to Cass County Tourism for possible reimbursement.
2. Grant deadline is September 4, 2016.

Next meeting will not be the usual 1st Tuesday, since that falls on July 5th. The July meeting will be on July 19, Murray Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Hensch, second by Blessing. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary