

2016-08-02

MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL MEETING MINUTES

TRUSTEES in ATTENDANCE:

President, John Hensch; Co-vice President, George Blessing, Jr; Co-Vice President, Matt Lewis; Secretary, Pat Zeigler.

TRUSTEE ABSENT:

Treasurer, Nikki Lewis.

PRESENT AUDIENCE/VOLUNTEERS:

Judy Simpson

MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

7 pm by President Hensch.

Motion by Hensch, 2nd by Blessing to approve the minutes of the last meeting which was held on 2016-07-19. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. (Matt Lewis presented treasurer's report, since Treasurer, Nikki Lewis, was absent.)
2. Starting balance: \$9,970.94
3. Credits: \$250 (Woodhouse Family Auto)
4. Debit: \$2666.79 (Ck # 1049, US Liability, \$648.00; ck # 1050, Harry Koch Insurance, \$933.18; ck #1051, Zeigler, supplies, \$445.61; ck#1052, Blackman & Assoc., tax prep, \$640)
5. Ending balance: \$7554.15
6. Motion by Lewis, 2nd by Blessing to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

WEBSITE:

1. Judy Simpson offered to help update the website & create a new Facebook business page.
2. Hensch will contact April Schmeckpeper about working with Simpson on the website, as April had previously offered her help, also.
3. Matt Lewis will speak to Melissa Hammons by Sept 6th to get the website password, as Hammons will be in Spain for several months.

4. Motion to create a new Facebook business page by Lewis, 2nd by Blessing, motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Tax Forms:

1. On April 20, 2016, N. Lewis and P. Zeigler hand-carried tax information to CPA, Jeff Hamernik, (Blackman & Associates), 17445 Arbor St, Suite 200, Omaha, NE.
2. Hamernik sent forms, (received near the end of July 2016), that had 'Extended to August 15, 2016' annotated at the top of the 990- EZ Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax form.
3. Hensch signed IRS form 8879-EO, the e-file Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization that was received from CPA, Jeff Hamernik.
4. Zeigler will send the form to Hamernik tomorrow, August 3, 2016, via 'certified mail' with a 'return receipt'.

P.O. Box:

1. The Postmaster also left a form in the post box that the rent is due this month.
2. Zeigler gave the form to M. Lewis, but Zeigler will also check to see if MFF is exempt from paying box rent, since becoming a non-profit organization.

Grand Marshal Plaque:

1. Zeigler presented invoices for engraving by Main Street Jewelers for the Grand Marshal plaque, which was brought up-to-date with the past 9 Grand Marshals' names.
2. The plaque, which is on the wall by the door at Town Hall, is now completed.
3. A new plaque will be needed next year.
4. A check was issued to Zeigler for reimbursement of engraving, for \$48.15. (Zeigler e-mailed invoice to Treasurer before tonight's meeting.)

Plattsmouth Journal:

1. Treasurer also sent a check for \$82.80 to tonight's meeting to pay for 'thank you' ad placed in Plattsmouth Journal on July 28, 2016.
2. Zeigler will mail the check to the Journal. (Zeigler e-mailed invoice to Treasurer before tonight's meeting.)

Oozeball:

1. Simpson found a free volleyball program online that she'd like to use for oozeball that is through the national volleyball program.
2. Would need to use electrical power at Young Park to print brackets as games progress.
 - a) Hensch offered to bring a small generator from work (Omaha Zoo).
3. Simpson suggests to keep double-elimination games, due to the registration fees.
4. Suggests 21-point games, until team enters losers' bracket, then games would only go to 15 points.

5. Need more tables for sign-ups to avoid 'congestion' at tables.
6. Suggests a limit of 25-30 teams with maximum 8 players/team, age 12 & over.
7. Suggest 'team registration form', with all players listed on one form, and waivers that can be downloaded from website.
8. Registration forms might include statement about 'appropriate' team names, also team captain's name, and players' ages, date of birth, double elimination rules of the games and emergency contact information.
9. Have team captain sign rules page and bring with registrations.
10. Ask team members to volunteer to referee games while they're not playing. They could volunteer online, also.
11. P.A. system is needed to announce games.
 - a) Per Simpson, Dave Friedli, Conestoga High School principal, said we could use school's p.a. system, if needed.
 - b) Blessing stated that there should be no problem with him supplying p.a. for next year's games.
12. Instead of 'champion' shirts or trophies, issue individual medals for winning oozeball team members, i.e. 'gold, silver and bronze' or just 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Fireworks Stand:

1. Blessing brought information on Wild Willy's Fireworks stand.
2. Would be a turn-key operation, with MFF receiving 15% of gross.
3. Wild Willy's in Springfield, NE, has a demo in May.
4. MFF would have to supply the workers.
 - a) Possibly ask Boy Scouts for community service projects.
 - b) Would need 24/7 attendance by, at least, one adult for 10-days.
 - c) Lewis offered to work the stand on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, if he's still on the same work schedule.
5. Might need to get an amendment for Night Visions, to be excluded from Wild Willy's 3-year agreement, due to possible conflict of interest.
 - a) Hensch said his info from Todd Morris with Night Visions Fireworks several months ago, was that they'd try to 'work-up' a package for MFF for a fireworks stand, but nothing more specific.
 - b) Zeigler has sent emails to Morris since July 4th, but has not received a response
6. Ask Mary Peters, on East Highway 1, who has offered her property to set-up a stand. Need to find out what she would require, if anything, and have her sign a statement as such.
 - a) Another location could possibly be the trailer park south of the Fire Department.

T-Shirts:

1. Possibly have one t-shirt design for all events to help keep costs down.
2. Hensch suggested that school students submit designs that becomes MFF property.
3. Suggestions for seeking sponsors for shirts.
4. Could get all different colors, not just red, white and blue, possibly at lower cost due to 'in stock' items and wouldn't have to order special colors.

Donation:

1. Blessing donated 10 orange traffic cones and a roll of caution tape to MFF, which Hensch will take to storage shed at Young Park.
2. Thank you to Blessing for his generosity.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2016, Murray Town Hall, 7 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Lewis moved to adjourn. Blessing 2nd motion.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary