

2017-03-07

MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL MEETING MINUTES

TRUSTEES in ATTENDANCE: John Hensch, President; Pat Zeigler, Secretary; George Blessing, Jr., Co-Vice President

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Matt Lewis, Co-Vice President; Nikki Lewis, Treasurer

PRESENT GUESTS/VOLUNTEERS: Mike Zeigler, Kevin Smith, Steve Harris, Ann Wieringa, Stacey McConnell, Brian Miner, Mike Gillott

CALL to ORDER at 7 p.m. by Hensch.

Motion to approve minutes of February 7, 2017, by Hensch, 2nd by Blessing. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer sent report via Hensch:

- a) Beginning balance: \$8500.73
- b) Check to #1102, Night Vision Fireworks, \$3763.59
- c) Debit card, chili feed, -43.91
- d) Debit card, chili feed, -172. 79
- e) Check #1103, start up cash, -100.00
- f) Debit card, Hy-Vee, chili feed, -36.16
- g) Check #1101 to P Zeigler, postage, -5.38
- h) Deposit, donation, 20.00
- i) Deposit, donation, 100.00
- j) Deposit, chili feed proceeds, \$150.14
- k) Ending balance, \$5001.90
- l) Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Blessing; Zeigler 2nd. Motion carried.

TAX PREP:

- a) Hensch reported that N. Lewis has an appointment to take MFF tax info to Jeff Hamernik, Blackman & Associates, in the next few days.
- b) Zeigler reported that Steve Rishel of Rishel & Pfeifer, CPA's in Plattsmouth, NE, said that since MFF has receipts each year under \$50,000, he could probably prepare our return pro bono.
- c) Hensch will relay that information to the Treasurer.

BRIAN MINER:

- a) Owner of Nehawka Bar and Grill wants to be involved with surrounding communities.
- b) Would like to have a beer garden and dance on July 4th at Young Park.
- c) Already has catering license.
- d) Would like his 'house band', Lucas Minor and the Country Mile, to play from about 5:30 to 9:30.
- e) He'll check with the Nebraska Liquor Commission for guidelines on security issues.
- f) Would like to also run Young Park concession stand, using food from his own vendors since he knows the quality he's getting.
- g) He would donate some of his proceeds back to Murray Freedom Festival.
- h) Brian would like to speak with owners of Murray's Firehouse Grille first, before committing to MFF, to be sure they don't want to participate or if they'd like to join him.
- i) He also will check with the Village of Murray for any other information he may need.

SUBMIT BILLS:

- a) Zeigler submitted receipts for expenses incurred for chili feed supplies and Cassgram invoices to be paid.
- b) Hensch will give those to Treasurer.

GRANT UPDATE:

- a) Zeigler read in the February 22, 2017 edition of the Plattsmouth Journal that Murray Freedom Festival has again been the recipient of a grant for this year's marketing and advertising in the amount of \$1350.00 from Cass County Tourism.

ART CONTEST:

- a) Zeigler reported the names of the Art Contest winners.
- b) First place winner is Andrew Jimenez, an 18-year-old Conestoga senior.
- c) Second place winner is Jackson Steckler, 14-year-old Conestoga freshman.
- d) Hensch to be in contact with art teacher, Jesse Swantek, on a good time to present the students with their awards.
- e) Discussion on modifying the artwork to remove the words, 'Death Before Dishonor' and replace with 'Murray Freedom Festival', before logo can be used on shirts, letterhead, etc.
- f) Hensch said that N. Lewis will be purchasing the gift cards for students in the next few days.

FUNDRAISING:

A. Pancake Feed

- a) Mike Zeigler has been in touch with the Pancake King, Wes Redden, of Weeping Water, and also Eric Dennis, Conestoga Elementary principal, and they agreed that Palm Sunday, April 9, would work for another pancake feed fundraiser.
- b) Hours would be 9 am – 1 pm.
- c) Pancakes, biscuits and gravy, fruit, drinks
- d) Free-will donation seems to bring the best results.
- e) Also, let's get 'to-go' boxes.
- f) Motion to approve pancake feed plans by Hensch, 2nd by Blessing.
- g) Motion carried.

B. Garage Sale:

- a) Pastor Mike Njus has agreed to let MFF have another garage sale at the Murray Christian Church.
- b) Sale dates are in conjunction with Murray Community Garage Sales, Friday and Saturday, May 19-20.
- c) P. Zeigler will make fliers and get the word out that donated items will be accepted.
- d) MFF can have concessions on Friday, however the church may do concessions on Saturday.

C. Car Show:

- a) Steve Harris wanted information and said that he and Billy Sharp of Plattsmouth might be interested in organizing a 'Show-n-Shine'.
- b) Zeigler suggested maybe having a \$5 entrance fee to help cover the expense of dash plates.
- c) Harris will speak with Sharp again, and come to our next meeting.

D. Donation Letters:

- a) P. Zeigler printed a revised draft letter for this year's donation drive.
- b) Blessing read the draft copy aloud; Zeigler stated that a couple of minor changes need to be made/rearranged.

TOWN BOARD MEETING:

- A. Hensch stated he'll go to next Tuesday's, March 14, 2017, Murray Village Board meeting to formally ask permission to use the village parks and streets for the upcoming celebration.

INVENTORY:

- A. P. Zeigler said that she and Mike have inventoried and stored the items used for the chili and pancake feeds and asked if Hensch would open the Young Park shed, so that they can store those items there.
 - a) M. Gillott, Murray's Village Board Chairman, said that the plan is to remove the plumbing fixtures, i.e. sinks, toilets, from the shed soon to make additional room.
 - b) Hensch volunteered to help with the removal of the fixtures.
 - c) It is planned to have this done this spring.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- A. Insurance:
 - a) Zeigler has left message with Koch Brothers, and also sent a letter, asking for a new quote for this year. As of today, she has not heard back from anyone.
- B. Supplies:
 - a) Zeigler suggested a bull horn for oozeball.
 - b) Blessing suggested that we could probably rent a 'double p.a.' system for use at the car show/oozeball. He rents them from Midwest Sound and Lighting for a nominal fee.
 - c) Need to check inventoried items at Young Park and get them repainted/repaired, so we're not doing it at the last minute.
- C. Presbyterian Church involvement:
 - a) Ann Wieringa and Stacey McConnell, (pastor's wife), were representing their Outreach committee.
 - b) They'd like to have their church group be involved in possibly focusing on children's activities for those under 12 years of age.
 - c) The activities they'd like to plan would most likely be at the church's cost and of no additional cost to the Festival.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Murray Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Hensch, 2nd by Blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary