

2017-05-02

## **MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL**

### Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Murray Freedom Festival was called to order by Co-Vice President, Matt Lewis, at 7:02 on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at the Murray Presbyterian Church.

TRUSTEES in ATTENDANCE: Co-Vice Presidents, George Blessing, Jr. and Matt Lewis; Treasurer, Nikki Lewis; Secretary, Pat Zeigler

TRUSTEES ABSENT: President, John Hensch

GUESTS/VOLUNTEERS: Mike Zeigler, Stacey McConnell, Pastor Bill McConnell, Kevin Smith, Chad Schmeckpeper, Lucas Minor

The Board expressed appreciation to Pastor Bill McConnell for tonight's use of the Murray Presbyterian Church. Due to Town Hall's water damage, clean-up and reconstruction, Festival meetings will be conducted at the church until further notice, at regular meeting time, 7 pm, first Tuesday of the month.

MINUTES of APRIL 4, 2017, meeting were read aloud by M. Lewis. Motion to approve minutes by M. Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blessing. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT, by N. Lewis:

- a) Balance Forward, \$4538.09
- b) Withdrawal, start-up for pancake feed, \$100
- c) Deposit, Pancake feed, \$783.25
- d) Deposit, Easter egg hunt, coffee & donuts, \$134.40
- e) Check #1107, Wes Redden, propane for griddle \$20
- f) Donation, Wiles Bros, \$500
- g) Check #1108, Cassgram, pancake ad, \$36
- h) Check #1109, Cassgram, thank you, \$39
- i) Check #1110, Platts. Journal, printing \$133.75
- j) Donation, Jessica Vallery/Fastenl, \$50
- k) Debit card, Biennial Report, \$23
- l) Current Balance \$5653.99
- m) Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report by M. Lewis, Second by Blessing; Motion carried.

#### SUBMIT BILLS:

- a) Pat Zeigler submitted bills for supplies as follows:
- b) \$233.85 pancake feed supplies
- c) \$54.91, office supplies, ink/envelopes
- d) Motion to approve submitted bills by Blessing, second by N. Lewis.
- e) Motion carried.
- f) N. Lewis will cut check to Zeigler and have Hensch co-sign when she sees him in a couple of days

#### MURRAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Stacey McConnell

- a) Multi-generational games are being planned for Tyson Park.
- b) MPC may have teams doing fundraising for a mission trip.
- c) McConnell has been in touch with Village Chair, Mike Gillott about electrical power needed at Tyson Park.
- d) McConnell offered to tend the restrooms at Tyson Park during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

#### LIVE MUSIC: Lucas Minor

- a) Minor has been fundraising for the live music portion of the event and has raised \$500, so far. He has pledges for more to come.
- b) He is looking for a major sponsor for a banner listing all who contribute to the live music.
- c) Needs to know what kind of electrical power is available at Young Park. Zeigler suggested he contact the Village about that.
- d) Has arranged for flatbeds to be used for stage.
- e) His sound system should reach all of Young Park and will loan it to MFF for announcements up to show time.
- f) Asked if MFF will be getting another sound system, as Blessing suggested that MFF could actually use two systems.
- g) Minor stated that if donations to the live music portion exceed \$1500, he'll donate excess back to MFF.
- h) Blessing offered to speak with 'Rikki' at B103 radio in Nebraska City to announce donation proposal.
- i) Minor will set up donation jars/open guitar cases with all donations received during the music show going back to MFF.

#### FUNDRAISING: Mike Zeigler

- a) The pancake feed was a success, over \$600.

- b) Garage sale is coming up May 19-20.
- c) Over 100 garage sale fliers are being posted all over the county and advertising is going to be in area newspapers and online.
- d) Has received verbal pledges for donations from Pro Chrysler, \$250, Cornerstone Bank, \$500, Murray Building and Supply, Jim Howe, Mike Keckler, Herban Coffee Lab, Two Gypsies
- e) Donation letters are almost ready for door-to-door distribution in and around Murray.
- f) P. Zeigler asked for postage to mail letters, instead of hand-delivering them.
- g) Motion to approve \$200 for postage by M. Lewis, second by Blessing, all approved.
- h) Motion carried.

#### CONCESSIONS:

- a) P. Zeigler received an email from Conestoga Booster Club rep, Sheila Simpson a couple of weeks ago, asking about the Young Park concession stand. Zeigler replied that since no reps from the school/boosters have attended or been in touch before this time, that the concession area at Young Park had been spoken for a couple of months ago. She also informed Simpson that a concession stand at Conestoga Elementary School would be a good place, since the car show, Bingo and Tyson park activities will take place in and around that area. There has been no response as yet. Zeigler will send another note and give the Boosters until May 12 to decide if they want to do concessions at the elementary school. If no response by that date, the Board was in agreement that the opportunity be opened to another vendor.
- b) Christian Church reps could not attend tonight's meeting, but Pastor Njus sent P. Zeigler an email about concession which she read tonight.
- c) MCC concessions will include floats, walking tacos, brats, brownie sundaes, pie and possibly funnel cakes. They will serve hamburgers, if we need them to, as no burgers were available last year and folks wanted them.
- d) Brian Miner, Nehawka Bar and Grille, called Zeigler last week and told her he's still planning on the concession stand/beer garden, but needs to go to the Village meeting on Tuesday, May 9, in Murray to find out more about permits, then he'll be in touch after that.

#### LOGO GRAPHIC:

- a) P. Zeigler contacted a graphics company who did some modifications to the art contest winning sketch which Zeigler emailed to Board members. The company said it could be \$29-\$30 for each additional color added to the logo.
- b) Zeigler will be in touch with Mr. Friedli at school to see if Andrew Jiminez, the logo's artist would be interested in modifying the logo for us.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION:

#### CAR SHOW-N-SHINE:

- a) P. Zeigler stated that she took a sample registration form to Steve Harris' house and gave his wife, Pam, two copies, one for Steve, one for Billy Sharp, for review and asked her to remind Steve of tonight's meeting.
- b) MFF has heard nothing more from Harris or Sharp on the car show-n-shine, as yet.
- c) Blessing read the show-n-shine registration form aloud and asked if any modifications should be made. All were in agreement that it was fine, but that we need the organizers, if any step-up, to also review it, as none of us has ever organized a show.

#### 5K FUN RUN:

- a) Chad Schmeckpeper asked for the 5K signs that are stored in the Young Park storage shed. Zeigler will contact Hensch for the key to the shed and get the signs to Schmeckpeper.
- b) Schmeckpeper asked if Mike Gillott would get in touch with him or April about the paint colors the utilities need to mark village streets, so as not to be confused with 5K route paint.
- c) Zeigler will contact Gillott and ask that he be in touch with them.
- d) Anytime Fitness is definitely going to mark the route and will again be a sponsor of the 5K run.
- e) Thanks to the Schmeckpepers for organizing the run again this year.

#### CASSGRAM:

- a) Steve Warga, Cassgram, voluntarily added a condensed story to the 4/26 edition about the Freedom Festival and that volunteers are needed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2017, Murray Town Hall OR Murray Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary