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MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Murray Freedom Festival was called to order by President, John Hensch at 7:06 pm, on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at the Murray Presbyterian Church.

ALL TRUSTEES were in ATTENDANCE: President, John Hensch; Co-Vice President, George Blessing, Jr.; Co-Vice President, Matt Lewis; Treasurer, Nikki Lewis; and Secretary, Patricia Zeigler.

GUESTS/VOLUNTEERS ATTENDING: Mike Zeigler, Kevin Smith, Mike Gillott, Judy Simpson, Chad Schmeckpeper, Lucas Minor, Ann Wieringa.

Hensch expressed appreciation to Murray Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their building for meeting while Town Hall is still in reconstruction mode.

M. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blessing. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: N. Lewis presented the following:

a) Balance Forward:	\$5653.99	
b) CK #1111, Zeigler	-233.85	Supplies
c) CK #1112, Zeigler	-62.91	Supplies
d) Debit card (CPA)	-25.00	Copy of Tax Filing
e) Debit card	- 9.98	Garage sale, ice
f) Debit card	-55.36	Garage sale, concessions
g) Cash out	-100.00	Start-up cash, garage sale
h) Donations	75.00	May 3
i) Donations	50.00	May 4
j) Donations	150.00	May 5
k) Donations	150.00	May 8
l) Donations	300.00	May 11
m) Donations	210.00	May 18
n) Donations	250.00	May 18
o) Donations	720.00	May 22
p) Garage sale proceeds	1692.08	May 22
q) Donations	625.00	May 23
r) Donations	50.00	May 24
s) Donations	50.00	May 25
t) Donations	50.00	May 26
u) Donations	705.00	June 2
v) Donations	50.00	June 5
w) Balance Ending	\$10,293.97	June 6

#### SUBMIT BILLS:

- a) C. Schmeckpeper submitted invoices for 5K signs, medals and runner numbers.
- b) L. Minor submitted invoice for sound system rental.
- c) Zeigler submitted receipts for office supplies, i.e. copy paper, postage, envelopes; also, receipts for padlocks and keys for storage shed at Young Park, D & O Insurance invoice and Cassgram invoice for garage sale thank you.
- d) N. Lewis reimbursed Zeigler for her purchases
- e) Checks written also for insurance and Cassgram ad.
- f) Motion to approve Treasurer's report and to pay reimbursements and invoices by M. Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hensch.
- g) Motion carried.

#### FUNDRAISING:

- a) M. Zeigler reported that donations have been steadily coming in, as reported by Treasurer.
- b) He also said that many asked him to personally collect checks from them within the next couple of weeks.

#### JOSH GUENTHER/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:

- a) J. Simpson stated that Josh Guenther had contacted her via Facebook about having a softball tournament during the Festival.
- b) She informed him of our meeting times and suggested that he attend a meeting to present his idea.
- c) Simpson suggested that his name be added to the agenda for tonight's meeting.
- d) Guenther was not in attendance.

#### KCCB:

- a) P. Zeigler reported that she'd contacted Linda Behrns of Keep Cass County Beautiful.
- b) Behrns will be delivering approximately 18 recycle receptacles on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- c) The containers were well-used at last year's Festival and really helped to keep the Village clean and free of litter.

#### 5K FUN RUN:

- a) C. Schmeckpeper submitted bills to treasurer for signs, medals and runner numbers, as previously stated in Treasurer's report.
- b) He said that Anytime Fitness will mark runners' route.

- c) Mike Gillott, (Village Chair), told Schmeckpeper that any color paint can be used on route as there is no utility work being planned during that time, so the Village won't have any other paints on the roads.
- d) Schmeckpeper asked about road barricades and Gillott assured him that he'll be sure to have barricades in place.

#### OOZEBALL:

- a) J. Simpson reported that two teams have signed-up so far, but also recognized that, historically, the majority of teams sign-up the day of the event.
- b) Fastenal will be sponsoring oozeball and will furnish medals for the 3 top teams.
- c) A Fastenal banner will be at the oozeball area.
- d) Fastenal will furnish water for participants.
- e) Simpson will bring a laptop and printer for brackets/team standings.
- f) She asked if fliers can be made for registrations to be attached to Cassgram.
- g) M. Lewis made a motion to add attachments to Cassgram for oozeball, 5K, car show and kids' activities. Blessing, 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.
- h) Zeigler will put a flier together and submit to Cassgram in the next few days.
- i) Gary Deterding has again volunteered to plow the oozeball courts, but asked if weed killer be applied to them a couple of weeks in advance.
- j) Gillott said he'd take care of the weeds this week.
- k) Simpson also said that J Vallery might not be able to help, as Vallery had planned, but asked if someone else could help in the event that Vallery could not be there.

#### INSURANCE:

- a) Zeigler submitted an invoice to Treasurer for D&O annual insurance in the amount of \$648.
- b) A certificate of insurance, showing MFF as an additional insured, was obtained from Murray Presbyterian Church for the kids' carnival and the giant inflatable attractions, and Zeigler forwarded the certificate to USLI, the MFF insurer.
- c) Event insurance application has been submitted, but an invoice has not been received as of today.
- d) Zeigler stated that the USLI rep said the one-day event coverage could be up to \$1200.

#### PORTABLE TOILETS:

- a) Zeigler was in contact with Chris Feistner of A-Relief Services in Bellevue and received a quote.
- b) Since the bathrooms at Tyson Park are under re-construction and might not be finished by July 4<sup>th</sup>, Zeigler asked for a unit at that location.
- c) For 2 regular units, (one for Young Park oozeball area, one for Tyson Park) and 2 ADA units, (one for oozeball area, one for car show area), the cost would be \$440 plus a \$40 delivery fee.
- d) Cost breakdown is \$95 for a regular unit, \$125 for ADA.

- e) Feistner said that we could let them know right before delivery how many units will be needed.
- f) Payment will be due upon delivery.
- g) Feistner said units will probably be delivered around June 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### VOLUNTEER T-SHIRTS:

- a) Zeigler suggested we go with same company that's making 5K shirts, as possibly we could get a discount.
- b) C. Schmeckpeper will forward contact information of Courtyard Ink to Zeigler.
- c) A. Jiminez, artist of the MFF logo, colorized the logo and submitted it via email. Discussion included if full color on shirts or just black was desired.
- d) Zeigler advised that most companies add an upcharge for each color added.
- e) Vote was taken and all were in agreement for light gray shirts.
- f) Zeigler will send detailed information to Courtyard Ink and forward their response to Board members when she receives it.

#### CAR SHOW:

- a) Zeigler was in contact with Billy Sharp about the Show-n-Shine.
- b) Sharp asked if he could park one of his antique vehicles on the northwest corner of Highway 1 and Davis.
- c) Zeigler contacted Alan Miller, co-owner of that property, and he said that would be fine.
- d) There will be no charge to enter the show, however on the flier, it states that MFF is a nonprofit and that donations would be appreciated to help offset expenses.
- e) Zeigler will check into cost of dash plaques.

#### DANCE CAMP:

- a) Angie Hogue of Conestoga, contacted Zeigler last week, inquiring on possibly having a youth dance camp.
- b) Zeigler informed Hogue of the other activities and that she should inquire about possibly using the elementary school gym for the camp, as the cafeteria will be in use for Bingo.
- c) Camp would be for ages 4-14.
- d) Cost would be \$20/child.
- e) Time would be 1-3:30, with registration starting at 1 pm.
- f) Hogue and high school dance team will be the workers for this event.
- g) After discussion, Zeigler and Hogue agreed that the high school kids will dance in the parade, but those who attend the camp will dance for the crowd at Young Park that evening, probably during the live music band's breaks between sets.

#### CONCESSIONS:

- a) Brian Miner, Nehawka Bar & Grill, was not in attendance, but notified Zeigler that he was not going to host the beer garden.
- b) Miner did say he would still like to run the concession stand at Young Park.
- c) Zeigler will get a starting time from Miner, as to when he'll open the stand.
- d) Murray Christian Church – no rep in attendance. Zeigler will contact them for their concession stand hours.
- e) Girl Scouts – Scout leader, Nikki Lewis, said that the Scouts will conduct the concession stand at the elementary school area, near the car show area.
- f) The Scouts' concession hours will probably be from 11 am till 5 or 6 pm.
- g) Zeigler suggested using styrofoam trays for those wanting 'carry-out'.
- h) Scouts working the stand will achieve their community service awards.
- i) All proceeds collected at this concession stand will be donated toward the Speer Family memorial garden at Conestoga Elementary School's Cougar Hollow outdoor classroom.
- j) The entire Speer family perished in a fire in October 2016 and some of the children were friends of the Scouts.

#### BINGO:

- a) Mike Gillott said he has not completed the refurbishing of the Bingo machine.
- b) The Beaver Lake Ladies Auxiliary donated an inflatable raft for a kids' Bingo prize.
- c) Gillott still plans to get soda pop and candy as Bingo prizes for kids.
- d) He also plans to have a \$100 pot.

#### PARADE:

- a) Blessing said he's contacted many individuals about being in the parade.
- b) Line-up will start at 6, parade start at 6:30.
- c) Rescue vehicles will line up on Railroad Avenue, south of Young Street.
- d) All others will line up on Railroad Avenue, north of Young Street, on High Street, in front of Conestoga Elementary.

#### DETONATOR RAFFLE:

- a) As there are not enough volunteers to man the detonator raffle tickets, that idea was scrapped.
- b) M. Lewis suggested that the Grand Marshal push the detonator plunger.
- c) All were in agreement that the Grand Marshall will start the fireworks.

#### MUSIC:

- a) L. Minor submitted a quote for rental of a sound system in the amount of \$540, as stated above.
- b) He suggested that the live music start around 7 pm, as the parade was ending at Young Park.
- c) The music will play for about two hours with one or two breaks.

- d) He asked if Linda Grunewald would sing the National Anthem right before the band's last song as fireworks are launched.
- e) Hensch verified that Grunewald will sing.
- f) Minor will have a mic for Grunewald's use.
- g) Minor is still working on his final list of sponsors.
- h) He will also pay for advertising on Facebook 'Boost'.
- i) Minor will purchase a banner with names of those who specified that their contribution goes to music.
- j) M. Lewis inquired if Minor needed any funding upfront and Minor stated he only needed \$540 for the sound system at this time, but that the \$1000 for the band would not be due and payable until the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup>, after fireworks.
- k) M. Lewis motioned that \$1540 be approved for band and sound system, as stated.
- l) Blessing, 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- m) Motion carried.
- n) Treasurer Lewis issued a \$540 check tonight for sound system rental.

#### SUPPLY STORAGE:

- a) The storage shed at Young Park was donated to MFF by the Village, although it still remains Village property.
- b) As not all keys were accounted for to lock the unit, Zeigler purchased 2 padlocks and had keys duplicated for Village use, as water shut-offs are located in the shed.
- c) Except for the Village, Zeigler and Hensch are the only Board members with keys.
- d) Zeigler gave Village keys for the shed to the Village Clerk.
- e) As previously stated, Zeigler submitted receipts to Treasurer for reimbursement of the keys and locks.
- f) M. Zeigler helped Village maintenance remove toilets and sinks from the two old restrooms this past month, freeing up more usable space.

#### CHECK INVENTORY SUPPLIES at YOUNG PARK:

- a) M. Zeigler reported that many signs, supplies, tents, poles, etc., are in the Young Park shed.

#### PRE-SET-UP:

- a) All Board members agreed to meet at Young Park on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am, to sort and pre-set awnings/tents to see what's needed.
- b) Remove and repaint signs, if needed, then get signs posted.
- c) Check on oozeball supplies

#### GRAND MARSHAL SELECTION:

- a) P. Zeigler gave copies of all nomination forms received to each Board member and M. Lewis read them aloud.
- b) Paper was distributed for all in attendance who wanted to vote, then tallied by Board.
- c) This year's nominee was selected and will be announced on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- d) All in attendance were asked to please not reveal the new Grand Marshal until after the official announcement on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### MISS MURRAY:

- a) Murray Christian Church is seeking nominations for Miss Murray and has been advertising in the Cassgram and on Murray's online Newsletter, [www.MurrayNebraska.com](http://www.MurrayNebraska.com).
- b) Nominations are due to the church by June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### SIGNS:

- a) M. Zeigler stated that some of the signs in the storage shed could be spruced-up a little bit, but that we could check it out more thoroughly on Sunday.
- b) K. Smith stated that we can place the large plywood signs on two of his properties at Beaver Lake, one near Murray Road and the other on the north side of the lake.
- c) Also, signs will be placed on Highway 75 and Highway 1 intersection.

#### ADDITIONAL MEETING:

- a) All were in agreement that we have another meeting on June 20, 7 pm, at Murray Presbyterian Church.

#### EVENT SCHEDULE:

- a) P. Zeigler asked all in attendance to let her know definite hours of their events for the official schedule. She'll contact those not in attendance.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a) Ann Wieringa showed a handmade, 60-foot tug-o-war rope that Nathan Cox said he'd loan to the Festival.
- b) He prefers that it not be used in the mud pits after oozeball, but that it could be used in the grass for tug-o-war games, if desired.
- c) Wieringa plans to ask Murray Building and Supply to donate gloves for tug-o-war participants.

- d) Wieringa asked Mike Gillott, if MPC could attach a 'KIDS' CARNIVAL' sign on and below the Tyson Park sign.
- e) Gillott agreed to the sign placement.
- f) Wieringa also asked about the power supply to Tyson Park
- g) Hensch and Smith said they'd supply generators for Tyson Park and Young Park use.
  
- h) P. Zeigler asked about having a new Grand Marshal plaque made, as the other one has been completely filled.
- i) Hensch said he'll ask his neighbor, Jeff Olson, if he'd donate a handmade plaque.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 7 pm, at Murray Presbyterian Church.

As there was no further business to discuss, tonight's meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary