

2017-06-20

MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL MEETING MINUTES

The pre-event, out-of-cycle meeting of the Murray Freedom Festival was called to order by President, John Hensch at 7:11 pm, on Tuesday, June 20, 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: Ann Wieringa, Mike Zeigler, Jessica Vallery, Kevin Smith, Judy Simpson, April Schmeckpeper, Noah Grobeck.

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

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

- a) Balance Beginning                      \$10,293.97
- b) Balance Ending                         10,312.88

SUBMIT BILLS:

- a) P. Zeigler submitted invoice for Cassgram in the amount of \$115.
- b) On 2017-06-16 Cassgram printed/attached MFF fliers to east and west editions.
- c) Steve Warga, Cassgram, donated back page of double-sided flier.

FUNDRAISING:

- a) M. Zeigler reported that donations have been slowing down.
- b) He also stated again that many asked him to come back and personally collect checks from them within the next couple of weeks.

CONCESSIONS:

- a) Nikki Lewis reported that the concession stand plans at the elementary school is coming along.
- b) Per Lewis, Deb South, Scout Leader said the Girl Scouts can't do the selling as 'Girl Scouts', although many of the girls want to help anyway, since they were friends of the Speer family.
- c) Lewis said the concessions at the school will be set-up under the permanent shelter attached to the little playground on the northwest corner of the building, on the concrete.
- d) They will offer cold drinks, sloppy joes, chips and watermelon.
- e) Deanna Morrical, an employee of Union Pacific, has offered to help with the concessions.
- f) Union Pacific might match funds raised at the stand for the Speer Memorial.

#### CONCESSIONS, CONT'D:

- a) No reps from Nehawka Bar and Grill were in attendance tonight.
- b) No reps from Murray Christian Church were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

#### 5K FUN RUN:

- a) April Schmeckpeper reported that there are now 44 confirmed registration for the 5K run.
- b) Anytime Fitness is marking run route.
- c) HyVee is donating water and fruit for runners
- d) Asked if anyone would be available to help with registrations on day of event.
- e) Zeigler will print 100 waivers for participants.
- f) Schmeckpepers will decide if a half-way water station is needed.
- g) Change in the amount of \$100 will be needed in \$5's, \$10's and \$20's.
- h) Treasurer N. Lewis will see to getting the needed change.

#### SHIRTS:

- a) A deposit of \$250.00 was made by Treasurer for a down payment on t-shirts last week.
- b) P. Zeigler brought copies of the t-shirt proof from Courtyard Ink she received today.
- c) All were in agreement that we go with the design proof that was presented.
- d) Zeigler will contact Courtyard Ink tomorrow to have shirts made.
- e) Geo Blessing offered to pick up the volunteer shirts and also the 5K shirts when they're ready.

#### OOZEBALL:

- a) Judy Simpson reported that 3 teams have registered for oozeball, so far.
- b) Simpson will have her laptop computer and ipads for scorekeeping, registration info, etc.
- c) Kevin Smith will supply a generator for use at the oozeball area.
- d) Simpson asked P Zeigler to send registration forms and waivers.
- e) Jessica Vallery and John Hensch offered to print the needed forms.
- f) Oozeball workers will need \$100 start-up in \$10's and \$20's.
- g) Treasurer Lewis will get start-up cash to them.
- h) Oozeball area will have the use of one of the large 10' x 20' awnings in the grassy area west of the oozeball pits.
- i) Zeigler will check with M Gillott to see if gaga pit will be moved prior to the 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### PARADE BANNER/GRAND MARSHAL SIGNS:

- a) P. Zeigler submitted a temporary order to Adkins Signs in Nebraska City for a 3' x 6' parade banner, \$60, which the Board has approved.
- b) All agreed that magnetic door plaques for the Grand Marshal's car would be the way to go.
- c) Zeigler will contact Adkins to get the order going.

#### ADVERTISING:

- a) 4-part, 2-page fliers with schedule, 5K, oozeball and car show were attached to the Cassgram on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, east and west editions.
- b) The Plattsmouth Journal is in process of drafting a full color flier. When complete, (should be tomorrow), Zeigler was advised by M. Lewis and Hensch to go ahead with having copies made.
- c) Board agreed to go with all, full-color 11" x 17" copies for posting on bulletin boards and hand-outs.
- d) It was also agreed to add list of those supporters of Festival to the back of the flier.

#### SET-UP/TEAR DOWN SCHEDULE:

- a) Approximately June 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>, Zeigler will meet with A-Relief Services to set portable toilets.
- b) Saturday, June 24, Kevin Smith and Mike Zeigler will start posting signs.
- c) At Young Park noon, Monday, July 3, Smith, Zeigler and M. Lewis will meet to set poles for tents.
- d) K. Smith offered to get 8 – 10 tent spikes.
- e) All volunteers to meet at Young Park, 6 pm, July 3, to mark off parking area, set steps for flatbed, etc.
- f) J. Vallery will loan about 25 electric fence posts to use also for marking off parking area.
- g) After fireworks, remove all tent covers.
- h) Clean-up crew next day, please.

#### MURRAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

- a) Ann Wieringa received about 40 pairs of gloves from Murray Building and Supply for tug-o-war.
- b) As the handmade rope is being loaned, it was decided that tug-o-war games shouldn't be at Young Park, so as not to get the rope muddy.
- c) Wieringa will instead let the kids use it at the carnival at Tyson Park.
- d) She also asked if power and running water is available at the park.
- e) Zeigler will try to find out from M. Gillott about the power and water.
- f) Zeigler also advised Wieringa that portable toilets will be available at Tyson, since the bathrooms are unfinished.
- g) J. Simpson offered to bring their large generator for MPC's use at Tyson, however she'll need help in loading and transporting it early that morning.
- h) Wieringa also handed out a Kids' Carnival flier draft that can be posted on MFF and Murray websites after final draft.

BINGO:

- a) Mike Gillott was not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

GRAND MARSHAL:

- a) Blessing, Lewis or Hensch will announce at 9:30 am at the MVFD pancake breakfast and, new this year, present a certificate.
- b) Brown Floral will supply corsage and sash. They'll make arrangements with Zeigler, as to pick-up time for them.
- c) Zeigler notified Cory Hobscheidt about providing a convertible for GM in the parade.
- d) Need a driver for GM.
- e) Hensch advised that Jeff Olson's making a plaque for Grand Marshals for display in Town Hall.
- f) Grand Marshal will detonate the fireworks.

MISS MURRAY:

- a) Per P. Zeigler, Pastor Mike Njus or a member of Murray Christian Church will announce Miss Murray around 9:30 am, also at MVFD pancake breakfast.
- b) He or his brother will likely drive Miss Murray in the parade with their own vehicle.

CAR SHOW:

- a) Billy Sharp not in attendance at tonight's meeting.
- b) P. Zeigler has contacted some companies about dash plaques for the car show.
- c) Lowest price found was at JoDon's in Bellevue, for \$2 each, full color.
- d) Zeigler had made a draft design, which all Board members agreed to go with.
- e) It was unanimous that 60 dash plaques be ordered as one is typically given for each vehicle entered.
- f) Mike and Pat Zeigler will set-up table about 10 am to register vehicles/distribute dash plaques as they arrive.
- g) George Blessing, Sr. advised P. Zeigler that he'll supply p.a. system for car show.

DANCE CAMP:

- a) Angie Hogue, organizer, not in attendance at tonight's meeting.
- b) Zeigler made a flier for dance camp that she's posted on the Murray website, as she hadn't received a flier from Hogue.
- c) Children will start registering at 1 pm, with camp from 1:30 – 3:30.
- d) Dance campers will perform during band's break between sets.

PARADE:

- a) Blessing advised that this year's only change is that parade line-up for NON-essential vehicles, (i.e. fire and rescue) will be along High Street in front of Conestoga Elementary, facing east, and not in school's east parking lot.
- b) As always, fire and rescue vehicles are to line-up on Railroad Avenue, south of Young St., facing north, as these vehicles always go near the front of the parade, in the case that they're needed.

MUSIC:

- a) Lucas Minor not in attendance at tonight's meeting.
- b) Between band's break will be announcement of art contest winner, presentation of new plaque for Town Hall to Grand Marshal and dance camp performance.
- c) Hensch advised that Linda Grunewald will be in touch with Minor about National Anthem music.

INSURANCE:

- a) Zeigler received and presented proposal for special event insurance to Board members.
- b) This year's coverage will be \$759.11, before any additional coverage.
- c) Vote was taken on Terrorism coverage, with all in favor, except M. Lewis.
- d) Terrorism coverage will be added for an extra \$100.
- e) Blessing and Hensch signed paperwork for extra coverage.
- f) Zeigler will submit forms to Harry A Koch Company.
- g) Treasurer will send payment for special event insurance to be received by June 30, 2017.
- h) Directors and Officers coverage was paid for last month.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a) P. Zeigler asked everyone to take photos for the website/Facebook.
- b) J. Simpson has some real estate signs we can use, if we want to cover them.
- c) Simpson said she'll periodically read 'thank you's' during oozeball games.
- d) J. Vallery has a large ice machine she'll loan for MFF's use that makes large quantities of ice in about ½ hour.

As July 4<sup>th</sup> is on the first Tuesday, next meeting date was not discussed. No further business. Hensch motioned to adjourn; Blessing, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary