

## MEETING MINUTES - MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL – January 7, 2020

**Attendees:** George Blessing Jr., George Blessing Sr., Barb Rainey, and Jerome Speck.

**Guests:** None

1. Call to order at 7:03p
2. Minutes from previous (December 3, 2019) meeting
  - a. Motion to approve: Jerome S.
  - b. Second: George B Sr
  - c. Vote: Motion carries
3. Financial Report
  - a. Previous Balance (12/03/2019) \$3856.56
  - b. Deposits
    - i. None
  - c. Payments
    - i. None
  - d. Donations
    - i. None
  - e. Pending invoices
    - i. Barb Rainey – Grand Marshall display update (\$20.00) \$3836.56
    - ii. George Blessing Jr – Christmas Cards – VistaPrint (\$74.54) \$3762.02
  - f. Future invoices
    - i. None
  - g. Balance as of 01/07/2020 \$3762.02
  - h. Motion to approve: Barb R.
  - i. Second: George Sr.
  - j. Vote: Motion carries
4. New Business
  - a. Fireworks display for 2020 MFF
    - i. Beaver Lake will be on 07/11.
    - ii. Last Year’s Fireworks show was quite well-done and we are interested in a similar show for 2020.
  - b. 501C3 Form 990 for 2018
    - i. We have received the notice from the Easy 990 web provider we’ve done business with
    - ii. George B. jr will complete this for 2018 before the May deadline
  - c. Fundraising events
    - i. Pancake Feed
      1. Barb will talk with her boss at The Flame about the possibilities.
      2. The Flame might be a good location for such an event.
      3. We would promote the event and possibly get a percentage of the income.
      4. Biscuits and Gravy and sausage are possible food items.
    - ii. Fireworks sales
      1. We are aware of a person who may be able to run a fireworks stand for us.
        - a. We’ll invite this person to talk with us at the February meeting.
      2. We could also talk with Troy Ruffner to see what his thoughts are
    - iii. Garage Sale (Mid-May at Murray Christian Church)
      1. George B. jr will reach out to Cathy Smith about this year’s garage sale.
    - iv. Lake Ridge
      1. “The Price is Right” event – lots of good feedback
      2. The physical pieces to put this together are available

3. Saturday, March 21 is a candidate date.
    - a. Barb and Jerome will talk with Todd and Martha.
  4. We will need to get businesses to donate items and money
  5. Possibly \$20 for each contestant
  6. The 6 games can be rented for use in the event
  7. Could also have a raffle for prizes which aren't won
  8. Silent auction is also a possibility.
  9. T-Shirts would be a part of this.
- v. Street Dance
    1. Early June timeframe
    2. Josh Guenther is interested in paying for the band.
    3. Food
      - a. Crow's Nest
      - b. The Flame
- d. Events for 2020 Murray Freedom Festival
    - i. 5K
      1. April S. has agreed to run the event this year for us – THANK YOU!
      2. Electronic sign-up.
    - ii. Oozeball
      1. Electronic sign-up along with T-Shirt sales
      2. Electronic sign-up.
      3. We need two new nets.
    - iii. Corn hole
      1. Rowdy and his wife will run the event.
      2. We'll probably have 6 or more boards available.
    - iv. Cow-chip bingo
      1. Possibly have it at on the road to the south of the baseball field at the east end of that street.
      2. More research is needed
    - v. Bingo
      1. We will possibly need a new machine.
    - vi. Return of Children's Carnival
      1. Ann W. reports that there is insufficient volunteer support in her organization unless interested parties step-up.
      2. There are companies who could run a carnival for us in Tyson park.
    - vii. Car Show
      1. Donny Strong will run the event
    - viii. Food venues
      1. Young Park
        - a. The Nehawka Bar is not available this year
      2. Downtown Murray
      3. Possible vendors
        - a. Crow's Nest
        - b. The Flame
  - e. Potential Schedule layout for July 4, 2020 MFF
    - i. Need to fill the "lull" between end of Oozeball and Music / evening events
5. Open Discussion
    - a. Parade
      - i. We had 35 entries last year and want to expand it to 38.

- ii. Olly the Trolley would be great to have in Murray during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and then as a part of the Parade.
  - b. A once-a-month "movie in the park" event would be a good event for Murray
    - i. Free admission
    - ii. Drinks and light snacks for sale
  - c. We will talk with John Masters and the potential fireworks sales vendor at the February meeting.
  - d. George B jr will attend the next Murray City Council meeting to secure permission to use the City of Murray for the Murray Freedom Festival.
  - e. \*\*Need a few more monetary donation cans similar to the one we have
  - f. \*\*Get 2019 Donation List for Jerome and Barb.
6. Adjourn at 8:32p
7. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7p.

Respectfully,

George Blessing, Chairman

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