

MEETING MINUTES - MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL – April 15, 2021

Attendees: George Blessing Jr., George Blessing Sr., and Liz Guenther.

Guests: John Masters

1. Call to order at 7:03p.
2. Minutes from previous (March 2, 2021) meeting
 - a. Motion to accept: George Sr.
 - b. Second: Liz G.
 - c. Motion Carried
3. Financial Report
 - a. Previous Balance (03/02/2021) \$2577.08
 - b. Deposits
 - i. None
 - c. Payments
 - i. Fireworks Pre-payment to Outlet Fireworks - Ck #1174 (\$1500.00) \$1077.08
 - d. Donations
 - i. Blackbaud Giving Fund (Wells Fargo) \$150.00 \$1227.08
 - ii. George Blessing Jr. \$1000.00 \$2227.08
 - e. Pending invoices
 - i. None
 - f. Future invoices
 - i. None
 - g. Balance as of 04/15/2021 \$2227.08
 - h. Motion to accept: George Sr.
 - i. Second: Liz G.
 - j. Motion carried.
4. Old Business
 - a. Additional Donation from the Blackbaud Giving Fund (Wells Fargo)
 - i. Amount is \$150.00 – will be deposited in the next couple of days.
 - b. Cass County Tourism Advertising grant application
 - i. Approved for \$750.00.
 - ii. Approval letter received on 02/19/2021.
 - c. IRS 990 filing
 - i. Still need to do this.
 - d. Fundraising update
 - i. Cornhole tournament at Lake Ridge
 - ii. Online solicitation of funding
 - e. Permission to hold the event in the City of Murray
 - i. Need to get on Agenda for 03/09 Village Meeting.
 - f. Possible events for this year
 - i. July 4th is on a Sunday this year.
 - ii. All contingent on the status of Covid and rules set forth by local governmental agencies.
 - iii. Fireworks – Outlet Fireworks
 - iv. 5k
 1. Need to communicate with April Schmeckpepper and get this going by no later than April 1.
 - v. Car Show at Conestoga Elementary?
 1. Need to communicate with Donny Strong to determine interest and availability.

5. New Business
 - a. Fundraising update
 - i. Cornhole event would be a good way to go.
 1. We'll talk with both Tiki Time and Lake Ridge Golf course
 - ii. Online fundraising
 1. Facebook has a way to solicit donations which Liz will look into setting this up.
 - iii. Car show could be a good possibility in the vacant lot north of the City shops.
 1. George Sr will contact Donny Strong about having the car show.
 - iv. Fireworks show
 1. Will have car smash ahead of time
 2. John will provide sound
 3. George Sr will provide capability to transmit to car radios
 - b. Ideas about adding people to the Murray Freedom Festival committee.
 - i. We will continue to talk to prospective people as time goes along
 - c. Motion to pay John Masters an additional \$1000 for fireworks: George Sr
 - i. Second: Liz G.
 - ii. Vote: Carried.
6. Open Discussion
 - a. Liz will post to Facebook to gauge interest in Oozeball.
 - b. Weeping Water will be having their Limestone Day event this year.
 - c. Plattsmouth Harvest Festival will also be running this year.
7. Adjourn at 7:34p
8. Next meeting will be on Tue, 05/04/2021 at 7p at the Murray City Hall.

Respectfully,

George Blessing, Chairman

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