

MEETING MINUTES - MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL – June 15, 2021

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

**Guests:**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06p.
2. Minutes from previous (June 1, 2021) meeting
  - a. Motion to accept the Minutes as printed: George Sr.
  - b. Second: Jerome S.
  - c. Motion carried.
3. Financial Report
  - a. Previous Balance (06/01/2021) \$1502.08
  - b. Deposits
    - i. None
  - c. Payments
    - i. None
  - d. Donations
    - i. Check from Linda Taylor \$25.00 \$1527.08
  - e. Pending invoices
    - i. None
  - f. Future invoices
    - i. None
  - g. Balance as of 06/15/2021 \$1527.08
  - h. Motion to accept the financial report as printed: George Sr.
  - i. Second: Jerome S.
  - j. Motion carried.
4. Old Business
  - a. Biennial corporation report (Nebraska Secretary of State) was completed on 06/06.
    - i. Need to update Registered Agent address so that mailings don't go to John Hensch.
    - ii. George Jr. will look into the above in the off-season.
5. New Business
  - a. Insurance costs for 2021 event
    - i. \$648.00 – D&O (USLI)
    - ii. ~\$669.50 – Event Insurance
    - iii. Total - \$1317.50
  - b. Fundraising update
    - i. We've paid Outlet Fireworks a total of \$2500.00 to this point.
    - ii. \$200 check from Jerome Speck – announce thank you to include Mary Bybee along with Jerome's name.
    - iii. \$200 from Paul and Susan Rice
    - iv. \$100 from Hilda Resso
    - v. \$1200 from KO roofing – Josh and Alizabeth Guentner
    - vi. Waiting on a donation from First Nebraska Bank (Nehawka) and others.
  - c. Event Schedule – Sunday, July 4, 2021
    - i. Parade
      1. Line-up at 7:30p, Parade at 8:00p.
    - ii. Fireworks at ~10:00p
      1. National Anthem will be sung by Linda Grunewald

2. Conestoga Dance Team performance prior to Anthem and Fireworks.
  - a. Will suggest that the Dance Team perform on the street east of the Concession stand.
- d. Preliminary Events for MFF 2022
  - i. 5K
    1. Have reached out to April Schmeckpepper and she and her husband, Chad, are good to go in doing the 5K Run/Walk for 2022.
  - ii. Cornhole Tournament
    1. Rowdy Woodard to run this?
  - iii. Oozeball
    1. Need people to organize and run this
      - a. April S. typically sets up the registration on the website for both Oozeball and the 5K.
      - b. All of the money collected goes into our PayPal account and then to our bank account.
  - iv. Parade
  - v. Car Show
    1. Don Strong to run this?
    2. Location
      - a. New area to north of City Hall, along North Park Ave, or at Conestoga Elementary?
    3. Will need dash plates for those who are in the show
    4. Minimum registration fee for each car?
  - vi. Fireworks
    1. Outlet Fireworks – John Masters
- e. Ideas about adding people to the Murray Freedom Festival committee.
6. Open Discussion
  - a. Contact Rowdy about having regular Cornhole tournaments on the Baseball infield.
  - b. Sent a note to Steve Warga for announcements in the Cassgram.
  - c. Jimmy Howe and Jerome will continue fundraising.
  - d. Mike Minford might also be a possible candidate for Grand Marshall if Ray Valek doesn't want to do it.
  - e. George Jr will get more caution tape to tape-off the road in the south part of Young Park.
7. Adjourn at 7:43p.
8. Next meeting will be July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7p at the Murray City Hall.

Respectfully,

George Blessing, Chairman

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