

MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL BOARD of TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES

2016-06-07

LOCATION: Murray, NE Town Hall

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE:

President, John Hensch; Co-vice presidents, George Blessing, Jr. and Matt Lewis; Treasurer, Nikki Lewis; Secretary, Pat Zeigler

COMMITTEES PRESENT:

Fundraising Chair, Mike Zeigler; Car Show and Website, Melissa Hammons; Bingo, Mike Gillott; Parade, George Blessing, Jr.

ABSENT:

Sheila Simpson, Conestoga Boosters rep for Young Park concessions; Chad and April Schmeckpeper, 5K Freedom Run/Walk; Murray Christian Church rep. for concessions/games

PRESENT AUDIENCE/VOLUNTEERS: Kevin Smith, Harold Hammons, Nanette Merrill, and Zeke Rouse with his parents

Meeting called to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. by President Hensch.

Approve minutes of last meeting as previously submitted and read by Board via email; Motion to approve by M. Lewis, second by Blessing.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Beginning balance: \$6380.91
2. Deposits:
 - a) 5-21-2016, Pancake Feed, \$419
 - b) 5-21-2016, Garage Sale, \$974.50
 - c) Anonymous donation \$ 50
 - d) 2nd Anonymous donation, \$50
 - e) Midwest Farmers Co-op, \$50
 - f) Lakeridge Golf, \$25
 - g) Country Home Estates, \$20
3. Ending balance: \$7969.41

5K FREEDOM FUN RUN/WALK:

1. Schmeckpepers could not attend tonight's meeting, but asked the following:
 - Via email, they asked for a current headcount of those who have registered online.
2. M. Hammons will get the count and forward to P. Zeigler
3. Would like a preliminary list of sponsors to forward to shirt printer
 - Pat Z will contact Schmeckpepers with list
4. Needs to order medals
 - Board voted on one medal for each age group: kids, adult, seniors and one for each gender
5. Are there any numbered bibs from last year?
 - No
6. Hy-Vee may donate water and fruit, but will let Schmeckpepers know.
7. Schmeckpepers have tried several times to contact Anytime Fitness, but can't make contact with the person that is supposed to mark the running course. They'll keep trying.
8. Wanted to know if the Board will be having another meeting before the event.
 - Yes, date to be determined before end of tonight's meeting. Notice will be sent.
9. Zeiglers will set-up water station with directions. Schmeckpepers to let them know where.
10. M. Zeigler offered to help with day-of registrations.

FUNDRAISING:

1. Chairman, Mike Zeigler
 - a) Has received two, \$50 donations. Both donors wish to remain anonymous
 - b) Received Midwest Farmer's Co-op donation, amount of \$50
 - c) Thanks to all who helped and donated items at both the pancake feed and garage sale. Both events over weekend of May 20-21 netted \$1393.50

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:

1. Scout, Zeke Rouse said entire program would last about 1 ½ hours
 - a) Start with Posting of colors

- b) opening ceremony
- c) national anthem
- d) welcome
- e) 3-star general, (Ret.) Lempke
- f) 1st flag
- g) Retirement of other flags
- h) taps

CONCESSIONS:

1. MURRAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH sent a list of items they're preparing to Board Secretary.

a) P. Zeigler forwarded list to Sheila Simpson who's running the Young Park concession stand, so that they don't duplicate items.

CAR SHOW:

- 1. Melissa Hammons, coordinator,
 - a) Plans to talk with 'Print Like Flint' in Weeping Water for dash plates
 - b) Presented design for dash plates and flier
 - c) M. Lewis said he'd print the car show fliers
 - d) Needs to remove the words 'Cass County' from all and put 'Inaugural' in place of
 - e) Has asked Hy-Vee to furnish food for entrants, but hasn't heard from them, as yet
 - f) Hammons made no arrangements for portable toilets in car show area
 - 1) Gillott suggested car show be moved to Conestoga Elementary to take use of restrooms there, so no need to rent another unit
 - 2) P. Zeigler will contact 'A-Relief' to see if an extra one will be available at such late notice

INSURANCE:

1. P. Zeigler has been searching for insurance for months.

a) Contacted Pam Caba in Plattsmouth over 2 months ago

1) Caba verbally said insurance for our event would probably be \$600 or so and that she would be in touch to get application started

2) After many attempts to contact Caba, Zeigler changed her search and found Ben Wallace, Sales Executive, The Harry A. Koch Co., Omaha, NE; P: 402-861-7056 | M: 402-680-6226; email

Ben.Wallace@hakco.com

a. Wallace has submitted Directors and Officers coverage applications and also Event insurance applications, but needed 'Certificate of Insurance' from Night Visions Fireworks to complete applications.

3) Night Visions Fireworks submitted 'Certificate of Insurance', but former Festival president's contact info was still on it

a. Zeigler has requested corrected documents from Night Vision, with no success.

b. Hensch contacted Todd Morris, Night Visions Fireworks president, tonight via phone and was told the corrected certificate would be sent right away

SECURITY:

1. Secretary Zeigler spoke with Lt. Burke at Cass County Sheriff's office.
 - a) County Sheriff's officers automatically do extra patrolling in Murray area during this event each year
 - b) Cass County does not require MFF to obtain security, per Lt. Burke
 - c) Village does not require extra security, per Village Clerk, Eileen Murdoch
2. Need to talk to Todd Morris, Night Visions Fireworks, about someone checking for people in corn/bean field behind baseball field. There were kids there last year during fireworks.

GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATIONS:

1. Harold Hammons nominated Dale Nickels who passed away this past weekend
 - a) Suggested that we nominate Nickels posthumously
2. Nominations are open until June 20
3. Voting of Grand Marshal will take place at next scheduled meeting

PARADE:

1. Blessing has sent invitations to numerous Cass County Fire and Rescue departments, as well as many clubs and organizations.
2. Kevin Smith will help direct parade traffic.

BINGO:

1. Mike Gillott will run Bingo games at Conestoga Elementary 2 – 5 p.m.
2. Cash prizes only for over 19 years old

3. Candy or toy prizes for kids
4. Needs to check Bingo equipment before the big day
5. P. Zeigler will help Gillott with Bingo
6. Check with Eric Dennis, (Conestoga principal), to see if only the doors facing High St. and closest to cafeteria, can be used for entrance to discourage people from running through hallways.

OOZEBALL:

1. Hensch sprayed Round-up (vegetation killer) on entire court area last week.
2. Gary Deterding will till the courts beforehand
3. Hensch and M. Lewis will fill courts with water
4. Voted unanimously to have double-elimination games to help keep the crowd in town
5. Matt and Nikki Lewis volunteered to help with 'day-of' registrations
6. Need an idea of number of shirts to order from M. Hammons

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Harold Hammons confirmed that Billy Sharp will donate a vehicle for 'Smash-a-Truck'
 - a) Hensch and Zeigler have sledgehammers
 - b) Hensch has safety goggles
 - c) J. Hensch will manage 'Smash-a-Truck' area
 - d) Unanimous vote, \$3 for 5 hits

2. MISS MURRAY:
 - a) Gretchen King offered to crown Miss Murray and suggested that it be done BEFORE the parade, not after, as has been done in the recent past.
 - b) Unanimous vote to crown Miss Murray at Car Show

3. GENERATORS:
 - a) Hensch will borrow generators from zoo.

4. MUSIC in the PARK
 - a) P. Zeigler has arranged for 'after-parade' entertainment at Young Park.
 - b) Allen Barnard's Quartet from Omaha offered to perform a patriotic show for ½ to ¾ hour, after the parade, no fee, but donations appreciated

- c) Lucas Minor has offered to perform Country music until the start of the Eagle project, for no fee, but donations would be appreciated
- d) Quartet and Minor have their own equipment, they will set-up and tear-down themselves
- e) Both request an alternate location in case of rain
- f) P. Zeigler will contact Paul Rice to borrow flatbed trailer to be used as a stage.

5. MEDIA/ ADVERTISING:

- a) Unanimously decided to start running ads in Cassgram, 3 times/week thru 1st of July.
- b) P. Zeigler currently working on a 'Schedule of Events' poster.
- c) Zeigler has a contact that will print fliers, although it's not a Cass County business
 - 1) Unanimously voted to go with Rainbow printing company, in Omaha, if costs are good
- d) Will complete poster and submit to all committees for corrections/changes, etc., before having them printed
- e) Zeiglers will take posters around Cass County to post on bulletin board
- f) Unanimous vote to add MVFD Pancake Feed to top of Schedule of Events with note stating that ALL donations made at MVFD pancake feed STAY at MVFD.Murray

6. MURRAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OLD-TIME GAMES:

- a) Christian Church previously suggested that kids' games would probably run for a few hours, especially from late morning to late afternoon.
- b) Zeigler received word from MCC that games might only run for 1, possibly 2 hours
- c) MCC will offer water balloons and face painting along with old-time games

7. DETONATOR RAFFLE:

- a) Unanimous votes to sell 'detonator' tickets to start the fireworks show.
- b) Tickets to be sold 3/\$1
- c) Booth to run 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- d) Ticket drawn immediately before Linda Grunewald sings national anthem
- e) Need to find volunteer for raffle booth

8. EQUIPMENT CHECK:

- a) Saturday, June 25, at 4 p.m., Hensch, Gillott, M. Lewis and Blessing will meet at Young Park to set-up, check and test equipment and tents.

9. EAR PLUGS for fireworks show suggested

- a) Cost Zeigler found online could be lower by buying in bulk in our area
- b) Fear of children mistaking them for candy
- c) would add extra litter to clean-up
- d) Suggestion voted down

Next meeting will be on June 21, Murray Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Blessing, second by M. Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary