

2017-04-04

MURRAY FREEDOM FESTIVAL MEETING MINUTES

TRUSTEES in ATTENDANCE: Matt Lewis, Co-Vice President; Pat Zeigler, Secretary; George Blessing, Jr., Co-Vice President

TRUSTEES ABSENT: John Hensch, President; Nikki Lewis, Treasurer

PRESENT GUESTS/VOLUNTEERS: Mike Zeigler, Ann Wieringa, Stacey McConnell, Lucas Minor, Judy Simpson, Jessica Vallery, Mike Gillott

CALL to ORDER at 7 p.m. by Lewis.

Minutes of March 7, 2017, read aloud by Lewis. Motion to approve minutes by Lewis, 2nd by Blessing. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a) Beginning balance: \$5,001.90
- b) Debit card purchase Blick Art for contest winners: \$400.00
- c) Check #1104, Cassgram, chili feed ad: \$18.00
- d) Check #1105, Cassgram, chili feed thank you: \$18.00
- e) Check #1106, Zeiglers, supplies: \$27.81
- f) Ending balance, \$4,538.09

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Blessing; Zeigler 2nd. Motion carried.

SUBMIT BILLS:

- a) None submitted

ART CONTEST:

- a) Gift cards were purchased

- b) M. Lewis to arrange for cards to be presented to winning students, which needs to be done very soon.
- c) Hensch not present, so no news on graphic artist he knows to modify winning artwork.
- d) Need this done soon for letterhead, volunteer shirts, etc.

INSURANCE:

- a) Zeigler submitting insurance application, again this year to Koch Co.
- b) Was told by insurance rep that it would likely increase this year by \$100.
- c) Waiting to see if beer garden is approved, as that may also increase costs.

JUDY SIMPSON:

- a) Judy Simpson and Jessica Vallery will be in charge of oozeball.
- b) Simpson will make brackets.
- c) Limit of 25 teams for ages 12 and up only, so early registration is encouraged.
- d) Zeigler will forward last year's form to Simpson and Vallery for any changes/updates.
- e) Registration form will be available on MFF website.
- f) Sign in to start at 9 a.m.
- g) Games will begin as soon as 6 teams have signed in or at 10 a.m., whichever comes first.
- h) Volunteers needed for scorekeepers to work two-hour shifts. Zeigler said she'll put that request in the Murray Newsletter and it will be on the MFF website.
- i) Preliminary games will go to score of 14, with top 6 teams advancing to finals.
- j) Final games will go to score of 21.
- k) Cost to be \$80/team with maximum of 8 players per team. No minimum number of players per team.
- l) Each participant MUST sign a waiver.

- m) Team captain to handle all communication with team prior to the event.
- n) All teams MUST have 'family-friendly' and politically correct team names, i.e. organizers have the discretion to change team name to 'Team A', etc.
- o) Captain ONLY will sign-in and bring all waivers to check-in table to avoid congestion and confusion in and around that area.
- p) Medals will go to winning team only.

- q) After winner's bracket is finished, open the pits for those under 12 years of age for their own 'games'.

- r) Board will check shed for a large tent to be used near oozeball games.

- s) There are some tents in shed that need to be checked prior to the event.

ANN WIERINGA/STACEY McCONNELL:

- a) Murray Presbyterian Church has committed to be part of the Festival this year.
- b) MPC will use Tyson Park for their children's activities for children 12 and under
- c) Tentative starting time would be mid-late morning and continuing till late afternoon, before parade line-up.
- d) At this point, the plan is to have a bounce house, games, crafts and a cotton candy machine.
- e) The ladies have put in a donation request to Hy-Vee for drinking water under the Festival's name, for use by the church activities.

MIKE GILLOTT:

- a) Bingo will take place at Conestoga Elementary.
- b) Games will run from noon to 4 p.m.
- c) Gillott will get candy bars for children's Bingo prizes.

LUCAS MINOR:

- a) Brian Miner, owner of Nehawka Bar and Grill, attended MFF's last Board meeting to discuss the possibility of a beer garden.
- b) Previously, B. Miner asked L. Minor if his band would perform at MFF during the beer garden, at the bar's expense.
- c) After checking into all the licenses and fees needed for the beer garden, B. Miner found his budget wouldn't allow for the band expense.
- d) L. Minor asked the MFF Board if any financial support would be available, as band members need to be paid a higher rate, since it's a holiday.
- e) At this time, there is no extra money in the MFF budget, due to remaining balance due on fireworks and insurance.
- f) Mike and Pat Zeigler personally offered \$100 toward the band fees.
- g) L. Minor would like to start music just prior to parade being over or immediately after the parade to help keep folks at the park. (Parade starts at 6:30.)
- h) Also suggested that music play right up to detonation time for fireworks.
- i) Need to work national anthem into this timeframe.
- j) He suggested the flatbed used last year be moved back to the graveled area, slightly facing southwest, along first base line, so paved road could be used as a dance area.
- k) He will check into the loan of a flatbed for this year's use.
- l) Minor gave his permission to use his logo on MFF website for advertising purposes in print, online and on the radio, B103, Nebraska City.
- m) L. Minor said he will seek sponsors and will attend the next MFF meeting with a report.
- n) Mike Gillott, Village Board Chairperson, advised that Brian Miner needs to approach the next Village Board meeting for the liquor license approval.
- o) L. Minor will notify Miner that he needs to call the Village clerk by this Saturday, the 8th, and ask to be added to the April 12th meeting agenda to allow enough time for paperwork processing, both through the village and the state.

- p) Minor will also try to loan his p.a. equipment for use by MFF up until the band starts, when they'll need it.

FUNDRAISING:

Pancake feed:

- a) M. Zeigler will purchase supplies and submit receipts for reimbursement at next meeting.
- b) Suggested that workers be at Conestoga Elementary this Sunday, April 9th, at 7 a.m. for set-up.
- c) Zeigler has road signs to put up.

Garage sale:

- a) Donations will be accepted, Thursday evening, May 18th at Murray Christian Church.
- b) NO clothes, TV's, computers or large, heavy items.

Donations:

- a) M. Zeigler gave list again to M. Lewis with names of possible donation contacts, as the list is split-up between Zeigler, Hensch and Lewis.
- b) M. Zeigler reported that he's already sent out a few letters, but held off on clarification of one item pertaining to sponsors names on 5K shirts.
- c) P. Zeigler moved for motion to again have \$50 minimum for names on shirts. Blessing, 2nd. Motion carried.
- d) Three Board members in attendance agreed to \$50 minimum.

Coffee/donuts:

- a) Lewis will order/pick-up donuts.
- b) Lewis also has coffee, water & pop he'll bring to egg hunt.
- c) Zeigler will bring napkins/cups/spoons/creamer & sugar.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

5K Shirts:

- a) April Schmeckpeper, 5K organizer, was unable to be at tonight's meeting, but sent a proof copy of new 5K shirts to P. Zeigler.
- b) Runners requested another color, besides white. The new shirt is light blue.
- c) Gillott requested that Schmeckpeper notify Village as to what paint color will be used on run route, as Village is marking roads for needed repairs.

Concessions:

- a) Mike Zeigler will check into a large grill to use around the school area for concessions.
- b) Folks asked for burgers last year, as there were none at any of the concessions.

Park Restrooms:

- a) Village maintenance person will not be available on July 4th this year.
- b) MFF will be responsible for cleaning restrooms.
- c) Village will supply soap/toilet paper/paper towels.

Village Permission:

- a) Hensch was not in attendance at last Village Board meeting to ask permission for use of parks & roads.
- b) P. Zeigler was at meeting on other business, so asked permission, which was granted.

Tax Prep Fees:

- a) P. Zeigler asked if MFF paid Hamernik for last year's tax prep or if fee was a donation.
- b) M. Lewis will check with treasurer to find out.

Grand Marshal/Miss Murray:

- a) Forms for grand marshal nominations can be downloaded from MFF website and Murray website.
- b) Zeigler will check into who's selecting Miss Murray this year.

Live Radio Remote:

- a) Blessing will check into doing a B103 live radio remote from the event.

Car Show:

- a) No volunteers at tonight's meeting for car show organizing.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2017, Murray Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Lewis, 2nd by Blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Zeigler, Secretary