

Friends of Wabeno

4/20/17

Minutes were read by Secretary Lynn LaRock. Motion to accept as read by Darlene Edelbeck, second by Kathy McHugh.

Treasury Report read by Treasurer Darlene Edelbeck. Checkbook balance \$6211.00. Motion to accept the treasury report by Kathy McHugh, second by Mary Beck.

By-Laws Mary Beck reported that the 501c.3 status is to be included in the by-laws. Kathy McHugh will work on this.

Grants Mary reported that we received a grant from CoVantage Cares Foundation of \$2500 to be used for boardwalk.

Boardwalk Boardwalk supervisor Tim Tucker stated we will have a 12x12 gazebo built with a 100' walkway to water where the two rivers meet in the fairgrounds. He stated that he would like to personally purchase the materials for this project. Thank you so much for your generosity with everything you have done Tim. Mary Beck submitted a grant for the AmeriCorps group to come again to help.

Town Planning Commission Discussion was held concerning the bathhouse to be built in the fairgrounds. Jim Smith reported that as of today four companies requested a bid packet. The town board will open the bids on May 2 and hopefully start construction in the beginning of June. Jim also stated once all the prices are in they will hold a special meeting to look over and decide the looks, placement, etc. with the Town of Wabeno Planning Commission.

Survey Mike Richmond would like to go door-to-door with a survey to get the real ideas of the town. People are afraid to talk at a town board meeting or never even go to a meeting. A survey was done in 2013, so we can use this as a prototype.

Fundraisers Discussion was held concerning a Farm to Table fundraiser. Barb Charlton has graciously donated the space at the "farm" in June or September, with a cost of \$50 per person possibly.

Community Events Steam Up Days: July 7-9 - Kathy will talk with the Antique Power Association to see what help is needed and how we get paid. Kentuck Day: July 29 – Kathy will find out the cost of a booth. July 4th Carnival: June 30-July 2 – Potawatomi hired a carnival, music and fireworks. Potawatomi spokesperson Gene Shawano stated that they would like each town to be presented by displaying their history, ideas, events, etc. There will be a \$5 admittance fee per car, rides and music venue are free but food would be attendees responsibility.

WAM FEST Mary reported that this will be the last year we can apply for the Arts Board Grant which paid for all the artists to attend. Kathy had an idea for a \$100 ticket for a 50/50 raffle limited at 100 squares. This would require an "ARTS" flair. Lynn mentioned about a license from the state for any type of raffle in which Mary replied that is being applied for. We will need a few coordinators for the food – possibly Brenda St. Peter or Chris Geske in which they have done a fantastic job in the past.

Winter Fest December 2 – Tabled. Looking for food items to sell.

Workforce It was discussed that with our schedule and lack of volunteers we need to step back from something. We concluded that we will step back from Kentuck Day.

Rustic Roads Lynn LaRock reported that town worker Scooter stated that they have the signs and are just waiting for the ground to thaw for the posts can be put into the ground. The county will then put up their signs on County C. Since the state has chosen to only put the Rustic Roads information on the internet, we may want to print up a small brochure. Tabled until next meeting.

Country Market Kathy McHugh reported that the vendors reported there was not enough traffic coming into the market. The vendors have since decided to set up on the corner in Laona.

Sidewalk Museum ideas for the sidewalk museum by the Wabeno Library for Kay Morrison may be the early mills, train depot, etc. An idea for the Nicolet Sportsman's Club would be the trout ponds. We do have a flicker page that the pictures can be taken from Mary stated.

Downtown Decorations The flower planters have an issue of being watered each week. Mary talked with Town Chairman Paul Ehlinger and Town Supervisor Nancy Schuhart and it was decided that one of the town workers can use the water tanker to water. We have 16 planters to be planted by the week of May 22 (no sooner) with a red color theme of "care free" plants. Raletta Ashbeck of Flowers Galore will be contacted by Kathy McHugh stating there is a FIRM cost limit of \$65 per planter.

It was also discussed about the big hydrangeas in front of the museum that Kathy McHugh and Joanne Schertz worked so hard on to cut down – if they were ever removed by the town? Lynn will contact Melody Klockow who is the plant/flower lady of the Wabeno Park Commission to find this out. These plants are causing havoc on the bottom logs of the museum.

Adjourn Motion by Kathy McHugh to adjourn at 7:05, second by Mary Beck. Next meeting to be determined.