

Friends of Wabeno

3/25/15

7:03

18 people in attendance

Guest Appearance Tina Webb (Antique Power Association) asking if we would like to work the attendance gate during Steam Up Days July 10-12 selling wristbands for entrance (collector buttons will be available at the registration table). Hours would be Friday, 4-7 and Saturday, 9-5. They will give us a donation to our organization for volunteering. We were also asked if we would like to have the pie stand on Sunday like last year. Tina reminded that their meetings are always the third Monday of the month at 6:30 held at the town hall during winter and then at the fairgrounds once the weather warms up.

Minutes Minutes were read by Secretary Lynn LaRock, Motion to accept them as read by Kathy McHugh, second by Peggy Rummel, all in favor.

Treasury Treasurer, Darlene Edlebeck was absent, Mary reported of \$1605.07 on hand.

Wabeno Art & Music Fest Mary reported it will be held August 1 – 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. and August 2 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the band shell and possibly the Legion Hall. Friends of Wabeno will be partnering with the Arts Vitality Enrich Communities (AVEC) and FCEDC to host the event. They have applied for a WI Arts Board Grant for \$6,000 for which we have to come up with \$3,000 in cash and \$3,000 in-kind (\$850 already committed)

There will be 18 musical performers on three stages (bandshell, small stage and Legion Park Pavilion). There will be juried art only allowed in which there are 13 artists already. Food and beverages will be located near the stage. Rain location will be in the high school auditorium and commons area with the condition there will be no alcohol. Artists have to send in three items to be looked at before being invited to sell at our art show. They are to make a presentation, demonstration or conduct a workshop. For example: mural rehabilitation, children's song writing, etc.

The date is the same weekend as the Lakewood craft show. We hope will venture up to Wabeno. A promotional flyer was brought up to be slipped under windshield wipers of folks visiting the Lakewood Show to tell people about Wabeno's event.

Food and beverage stands will be put on by the Friends of Wabeno. Looking for volunteers for marketing, entertainment, artists, workshops and logistics.

AmeriCorps We hope our application for AmeriCorps team will be approved. They would start June 29-Aug 28. The high school donated rooms and kitchen facilities to accommodate them. Charltons on Trump Lake have graciously donated their cabin for them for the last week they are here.

Grocery Store Options Mary reported the group would like a smaller store with a meat market. There are grant opportunities through WEDC Community Development Investment grant which will be opened

after July 1st. This requires a 3:1 match with up to \$500,000. Most will have to be cash instead of in-kind. Next steps would be to get a planning committee together to 1)create a promotional flyer to entice a grocer to come to Wabeno 2)willing to talk to potential grocers 3) help write grants or research for grant applications.

We do have a gentleman that is interested in having a meat market. Peggy Renkas (Spark's Store) is interested in selling and is willing to negotiate. There will have to be upgrades to electrical, plumbing, construction and demolition of the back area (which could be turned into the parking area). Mary said she has a gentleman that is coming to give an estimate to renovate it. A grant she is looking at prefers two floors and a landmark building.

Boardwalk Phase 1 – the trail is 90% complete, two of the four boardwalks are complete. Job Corps will build seven benches during the winter and help install them. The benches will be sold \$250 with a plaque on them. The color theme will be a dark brown to stay with the logging museum and library colors. They will also finish the trail and fix dirt along the pier areas. Grand Opening will be held during the Arts Festival August 1-2.

Phase II- Trail along Rangeline Creek, RV (8) and tent (10) sites, bury overhead electrical, hookups, re-roof CCC building, clean outbuildings and clean up and paint the vintage equipment for outdoor displays, Bathhouse with toilets and showers. Grants that were applied for were Lumberjack Resources Council for \$10,000 and the Remington Foundation for \$10,500 and also 4-5 more looking at.

National Endowment of the Arts grant We will hear if we were accepted by July 1. 1)Depicts Wabeno's history, Natural Resources, and Community Events 2) Uses original art for depictions 3) Wabeno High School students research content to describe depictions 4) If awarded grant will be for two years and will start 10/1/15. We will use original art with first year being the planning stage and the second year implementation of installing the signs. For example: historical picture before the block fire and one after the new construction.

Naletta Burr once told us to make Wabeno nice looking to invite others to come here – so with Rustic Roads, Scenic ByWays, Boardwalk, etc, we hope to do so.

Help 1)Sell Memorial plaques for log benches along the boardwalk and trail (five needed yet) 2) Grocery Planning Committee 3) Wabeno Art and Music Fest 4) Outdoor Museum Committee (get high school kids involved) *hint: for the school – give them what you want and date to be done by.*

Country Market Kathy McHugh reported it starts May 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the Library Park. It will include homemade, rustic and craftwork items NOT flea market. No fee for the space for now, may leave after product is gone or no business – no set break down time. Held every Saturday, do not have to make it every week only when you can.

Next Meeting April 22, 7:00. Motion to adjourn by Kathy McHugh, second by Peggy Rummel.