

Friends of Wabeno

6/10/15

7:00

9 people in attendance

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Darlene Edelbeck reported the checking account has \$885.44 with \$56.73 in the egg savings account. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Kathy McHugh, second by Kevin Podjaski, all in favor.

Boardwalk – Phase 2 AmeriCorps will be here June 29 and will stay at the high school. They are at the end of their work tour so they have experience in building stairs, trails, etc. They come from all over the country but our team's base is in Vinton, Iowa. We were notified that the supervisor is a "working" supervisor so that is an additional pair of hands for our projects.

Funding: (2) \$10,000 (1) \$4,100 left from Potawatomi, (1) \$45,000 from DNR. The AmeriCorps work value is set at \$16,000 so with that it can be used for in-kind for grants. As we need in-kind or matching. Total cost approximately is \$105,000 for Phase 2. We have \$69,100 in cash already with Mary working on a WPS grant and looking for others. We have a \$27,000 proposal in to Lowe's for products but on the downside it is a national grant not just regional. The cost of the bathhouse is approximately \$55-60,000. Mary has recently sent five letters of intents for grants out with one response of no.

Building of the boardwalk under the railroad trestle will go across Safari Motel property. The town will work on getting the Safari easement for we cannot per legal reasons. It has been said a survey will have to be done. The DNR State Trail staff has jurisdiction over the trestle area and a request to build there has been made. We have been told that a boardwalk under the trestle must be 6 inches above the water per DNR regulations. The height would be 6ft giving it a low clearance. The Town insurance agent was asked if that would be problematic and he said he didn't think so but would let us know.

Boardwalk – Phase 3 – DNR grant has been submitted for along the Oconto river. The phase will be very expensive since it will be all boardwalk and not trail. The project may have to be built in winter.

Grocery Store – Mary toured the old grocery store with a couple who would like to have a full scale grocery store, which this building is the right size for them. After they saw it they said it required to be gutted out. They are experienced to do the work but they said it wouldn't work

out for them. Mary would like everyone to promote the idea of a grocery store and talk to people. Maybe to come up with a flyer to promote it.

Country Market – Kathy McHugh reported that they contacted Jeff Keeble in Crandon for signage (4x6 heavy vinyl banner with grommets and posts for \$75.00) If we went with 3x5 it would be \$45.00 plus \$3.00 for posts. Five year life on the color against fading. They would like to have 2 signs on either end of town. There is no charge to set up at the market. Karen thought it would be better to charge something---even if only \$10 for the season you would set the expectation that you would enable to charge more in the future and make it a funding source for the Friends. The market started Memorial Day weekend on Saturday. For that market they had 3 vendors selling maple syrup, rugs/ produce/eggs/asparagus/ hostas. Kevin Podjaski gave her the phone number to Hillbilly Hideaway's for breads, goat cheese and cookies. Kevin made a motion, second by Tim Tucker to spend up to \$100 on two signs, 3x5, all in favor.

Rustic Roads – Kevin and Lynn will be presenting the idea to the DOT- Rustic Roads board on Monday, June 22 in Madison. They will produce a booklet to hand out to each member. Presentation is to be 5-7 minutes in length.

Potawatomi Grant – They received a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the N Branch of Oconto from Harter's Marsh to Potawatomi lands on Hwy C. This may in the future include bridge improvements in Wabeno if the bridge is determined to be affecting the fisheries.

Downtown Décor – Flower planters are all planted and Darlene will make little signs saying "planted by such and such florist". We do have 4 planters to be brought out yet. Concern for the distance from curb to planter has been brought up. Mary will check with the town board.

Brat Stand – Stand was set up for the Dual Sport Riders and did not go over well this year. One reason may be that the riders are want to patronize places in town that they like. A brat stand will be set up at Country Market to use up the food left over. They could also try to sell at the craft show during Steam Up Days. Kathy will contact Dawn at the chamber for doing so.

Art & Music Fest – Mary applied for a WI Arts Board for \$6,000 to pay the musicians. There will be 3 stages with 23 musicians, going constantly. It will be held August 1 – 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. August 2 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. Connie and Tim from the Essenhaus are contacting fine artists not crafters. There may be 20 art booths with 4 workshops (dance/repairing murals/rain drums/how to write children's songs). There will be sculptures, weavers, potters, oil paintings, etc.

Volunteers needed: (1) evaluator's sheet (REQUIRED FOR GRANT) may have a drawing for those entering (2) Flyers on cars (maybe Job Corps or AmeriCorps). AmeriCorps like to do things for the community when they are not on duty also (3) Food tents – 12 volunteers so far – we are in charge of these (4) set up and tear down (5) Advertising through social media – save the date, Connie is creating the logo with WAM (Wabeno Arts & Music) Posters. Josh will produce as this being a county promotion. (6) Beer tent – Trump Lake Association volunteered to handle but Friends receiving all the profit. Maybe souvenir cup for tap beer? (7) Art & Music – Connie and Tim in charge of this. (8) Bracelets with logo as a fundraising idea.

Steam Up Days – We will have a pie stand on Sunday, might include having brat stand on Saturday. Kathy McHugh will contact Vicki Pirus about being the point person for the pies.

Kentuck Day – July 25 – Linda McEwen and Edee Huettl will be contacted by Joan to be point people for this event. Darlene will send in the fee. We made around \$800 last year.

Art In The Square – September 19

Potluck for AmeriCorps – there will be 10 people in the AmeriCorps crew. They are arriving June 29 and will be here through August 6. We would like to have organizations come forward to throw potlucks for them for we as a community can get to know this crew and for they can get to know the community. (1) Baptist Church, Brenda St. Peter (2) Sue Bessert (3) Christian Thrift Store, Sue (4) Upper Room, Valley, (5) Catholic Church, April Schreiber, (6) Friends. Mary would hope the Friends will host the potluck the first week they are here.

Vandalism – Benches, picnic tables and cement blocks have been thrown into the river in the Legion Park. Our benches along the boardwalk will be secured and not easily removed.

FCEDP – Mary reported that by being on this board she is learning about other communities and their issues too.

Meeting dates – We would like to have the second Thursday of every month the set day for our Friends of Wabeno meeting. Tim Tucker made a motion, Biz McEwen second, all in favor.

Youth Program – Mary presented an idea to hire students or at least one for the town. They could be used for park maintenance, museum attendant, library help, etc.

Next Meeting – July 9

Adjourn Motion by Kathy McHugh, second by Kevin Podjaski, all in favor.