

January 26, 2023
Hometown Pride Minutes

Those in attendance were Leah Wall, Joann Maxwell, Natalie Moorman, Paul VanBeek, Marie and Rich VanBeek, Bruce Connelly, Peg Kimberley and Gennypher Popenhagen.

Genn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

Treasurer's Report - Marie gave the Treasurer's Report. Undesignated funds \$20,811.54. Designated funds \$78,294.53. Peg has a check from the solicitation letters sent in January for the park. Nan and Larry Parker have contributed \$500 to the park splash pad in remembrance of their daughter Lynette Richey. This amount is not included in the balance as of this report. Kunkel Construction has been paid for shelter house materials purchased to date. Leah moved to approve the report. Joann seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Fundraising - Breakfast with Santa had a good turn out with \$928 being made. The group worked a basketball concession stand in January which will bring in \$200. Genn has been approached by the Fun Days Committee to see if the committee would be interested in doing the food for the truck/tractor pulls on the Friday of Fun Days. The group agreed with so few members they should not take on such a large project. Natalie provided information on a food truck vendor, Kickin Chicken, who might be interested in working with HP to provide food for the event. They work fundraisers with sponsors by presale tickets for a chicken dinner. The ticket cost being \$15 with the sponsoring group making \$2 from each ticket sold, with a minimum of 100 tickets required. Discussion followed with the group agreeing a meal was not suitable for the event in which people preferred sandwiches and beer. Genn will contact Lindsay Black accordingly. Marie advised there was a track concession stand available to work Thursday, April 20 at 4:00 p.m. if the committee was interested. It was agreed to work the concession. Peg, Genn, Bruce, Marie and Rick will be available at 4. Leah, Paul can work after 5:30. Genn will contact individuals who have helped in the past to come up with the 8 people needed.

Hillbilly Bike Ride - Natalie advised the ride is scheduled for June 3rd. She has been contacted by CVT and in turn has contacted Karen Finch who has agreed to be the Baxter lead person for the event. She has also contacted individuals for handling signage and games for the event.

Geise Park Shelter House - Marie advised material costs have increased to where we are now looking at a total project cost of approximately \$291,000-\$300,000. The roof is scheduled to arrive in mid June. Also waiting on block edging that will be needed to complete the block work. She has also located picnic tables which would work well and are made in Cherokee, Iowa. Looking at 6 permanent tables, a grill and trash receptacle for the shelter.

Geise Park Playground - Items in need of replacement/repair that were discussed at the November meeting still need to be addressed. With snow on the ground Peg will contact Jamie Milligan on the matter once the weather improves. Will also follow up with status on the security camera.

Geise Park Splash Pad - Proposals received for a recirculation and nonrecirculation system from

Outdoor Rec were reviewed. With the drastic difference in cost the group agreed to further investigate how many gallons other towns with splash pads went through per season and length and hours of operations per season. With additional costs of chemicals, additional personnel to monitor water quality several times a day, construction of a facility to house the mechanical operations, chemicals and records for the facility, etc. it was agreed the City might be inclined to go with a nonrecirculation facility in spite of the cost of water usage. Peg will contact Fairfax, Huxley and several other communities with splash pads to obtain information needed to pursue further consideration.

Discussion was held on how to get the community behind the various park renovation projects. A "park party" was discussed for either May or June. Could contact Kickin Chicken for the meal, the local ice cream truck and offer local entertainment. Group agreed to discuss further closer to the time.

Chamber of Commerce - Natalie advised the Chamber continues to work on getting bike racks and trash receptacles for the business district.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

Marie moved to adjourn. Natalie seconded. Motion carried, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Peg Kimberley
Secretary