

November 10, 2022
Hometown Pride Meeting

Those in attendance Paul VanBeek, Leah Wall, Bryce Connelly, Natalie Moorman, Joann Maxwell, Peg Kimberley and Gennypher Popenhagen.

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

Treasurer's Report - Marie gave the Treasurer's Report. Total undesignated funds, \$19,872.14. Total designated funds \$201,409.81. Paul moved to approve. Leah seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Fundraiser - The group agreed to do Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 3rd. Breakfast will be held at the school from 8-10:30. Workers will be Natalie, Janice Finch, Paul, Peg, Marie, Rich, Genn and Joann. Will meet at the school at 7 a.m. Janet Damman is doing a Thrivent grant to pay for the food and necessary supplies.

Basketball concessions were discussed. The group agreed to work a concession. Genn will get available dates.

A Bingo Night was briefly discussed. The prior event was scheduled at the last minutes due to the COVID pandemic. The group agreed to discuss further when Marie was in attendance.

Geise Park Shelter House - A pole and security light have been installed by Baxter Early Learning Center. A security camera will also be installed. Nothing further to report in Marie's absence.

Geise Park Playground - It was noted the seating bench under the slide is coming unbolted and loose. Matting under swings and slide are ripping already. Peg will contact Jamie Milligan.

Geise Park Splash Pad - Peg advised Pat Schmidt's family approached her wanting to discuss completing the splash pad with funds from the Schmidt memorial and placing a plaque in honor of Pat at the site. Peg advised the family she would need to discuss this with the committee as the group has been fundraising for the project for sometime and there are many local contributions that have already been made to the project. No further discussion was held. The group will meet at the splash pad site with a representative from Outdoor Rec on November 21st at 4:00 p.m. to discuss site and plan options.

Chamber of Commerce - Natalie advised the Chamber made \$428 on proceeds from the Fall Festival. She advised it was a great event with good attendance. There weren't alot of leftover food items but what was left was donated to the Food Pantry.

Other Business - Peggy Smith was in attedance. Natalie advised she had submitted Peggy's name to Consumer's Energy for their "Shine A Light Citizen" award in recognition of her countless efforts in making Baxter a community to be proud of. Smith was awarded a check for \$100 from Consumer's to donate to a community organization of her choice. Peggy noted she would like to

donate the funds to Hometown Pride. Members of the committee thanked Smith for the contribution and for her dedication to making the community it's best.

Thanks to Keep in Mind -

1. Need to look at getting 401c(3) number for grant writing.
2. Paul advised need to lookg at assisting with fundraising for shelter house with costs increasing. Peg noted the shelter house has been included on the solicitation letter being sent out to area residents in December. Peg provided the committee with a quote to have Forbes print and prepare the letters for mailing. Natalie moved to approve. Paul seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.
3. Genn noted caboose is in bad condition, something needs to be done. Peg will Katie Cantu, Jasper County Conservation.

The committee agreed to forego the December meeting with the holidays. Will meed again in January on the 4th Thursday.

Natalie moved to adjourn. Paul seconded. Motion carried, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Peg Kimberley
Secretary