

## **August 13 CCT Minutes (International Lefties Day)**

Meeting opened and John made a motion to abstain from reading the minutes, seconded by Dave, carried.

**Fireworks** - The financial report was presented. A "fund Me" account was opened to support the fireworks display. A recent donation of \$109 was made, bringing the total to \$4013. The goal is \$6000. The local company (Steinman Fireworks) that we had planned to use noted that they would not be available for the CCT. The alternative company (American) will not be the preferred option.

**Fundraiser** - Mary Wann presented a new fundraising idea of hosting a Purse Bingo Event. She noted that the Fair Board has approved the use of the Multipurpose Building to hold the event. It was apparent that Mary had put a great deal of thought and planning into her idea before presenting it. The event would be held on Oct 17 with the doors opening at 6 pm. Packages would be sold at \$30 each and they would include papers for 20 games with additional games made available only at the initiation of the event. She has already invested in a number of purses and has plans to obtain additional purses through donation and purchase. Plans to obtain tickets, posters/advertising, etc. were also assigned.

John made a motion to approve the fundraiser and Mellissa seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

**IRS Determination** – Denise has received notice from the IRS that the Christmas Cruise Thru has been recognized as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3). This is a reversal of their prior determination and will allow additional options for those wishing to make a tax deductible donation to the CCT organization. A press release will be generated (Vince) to note this change so it can be distributed to the Defiance Development and Tourism Bureau and other media outlets (Bobby).

**Decoration storage** – All of the displays have been relocated to the Historic Building for storage. The hanger system worked well for the large steel frame displays and the remaining decorations were efficiently stored under the hanging displays.

**Sponsored Cards** – The Christmas card idea was refined with the final size determined to be 4ft by 8 ft. The cards would be located near the entrance along the Horse Barn or a similar location near the entrance.

**Butler Parade** – The CCT floats won the Judges's Choice award and the trophy is on display at Alliance Tax Services.

Charlie Wann motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconde by John. The meeting was adjourned.