

Attendees: Dave Fine, Jeanne , Mellissa Rodman, Llyod Eby, Dreama Eby, Loretta Schroeder, David Schroeder, Vince Sutter, Denise Sutter, Lavon Wiles, Ed, Angie, and Carver.

Minutes: The meeting started at 3:48pm at Alliance. Denise called the meeting to order and handed out copies of the minutes and financial report so everyone could read them. The minutes were not read.

Financial report: Denise reviewed the financials since Mellissa just got back from vacation. The bank account holds \$6,577 however the CCT debt is \$17,716. Overall we are well into the red and will require a good pair of fundraisers to get us into the 2018 Light show season. Vince motioned to approve the financial and it was seconded by Ed. Motion passed.

Vendors: As noted in the prior meeting we agreed that we will have vendors in the Multipurpose Building but we will not have concessionaires.

Purse Bingo: Mary noted that she will get the food for the bingo event but she will require \$600 to purchase the outstanding food. Angie motioned to approve \$600 for Mary and Dave Fine seconded. Motion approved.

Mary noted that she had a series of \$50 donations, a pair of \$100 donations totaling \$350 from individuals or companies.

Dave Fine noted that he had a price list from NOW for the alcohol for the bingo. He showed the samples to the group. They included Henry's hard Sparkling Water and Redd's Wicked Sour Apple & Watermelon. A lengthy discussion followed about the wine and beer selections that should be provided. The crowd seems to always change their preferences from year to year but Coors/Miller was the preferred beer. The small plastic bottles of wine were also preferred with a selection of sweet and dry wine options. The Henry's and Redd's will require more thought.

Raffle vs Pull Tab: A lengthy discussion concerning raffle versus pull tabs ensued. It was decided that the 50/50 basket, the Ohio State pillow, Ohio State signs, Marchalls backpacks, and Firekeepers items would be raffled.

Ed will get 15-20 pull tabs from his supplier that can be sold prior to the start of the bingo. Ed noted that any unsold pull tabs could be returned to his supplier.

Workers are to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to opening or 4:30 pm. The Blues Brothers will be selling raffle tickets and being cool.

Contracts for Services: Dave Fine noted that the first payment to the reindeer people had been made. The fireworks folks have agreed to a 3-year contract and will be sending a copy to Dave F. A quote from 93.3 FM (Fort Wayne) will be received, however the Ft Wayne market is extremely expensive. Denise noted that we have been included in the latest issue of Happenings and handed out copies.

Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts – Yoder Construction was contacted by Denise but would not discuss Christmas stuff while it was still warm. A lengthy discussion concerning the sponsorship was held. Ultimately a motion was made by Dave F that if sponsorship is received half would go to the Girl Scouts for supplies and half would go to the Boy Scouts for supplies. Neither would be requested to make a donation to the CCT although the Boy Scouts have done so every year. Ed seconded the motion and it was carried.

Other fundraisers / sales: Other groups, including the Hicksville Girl Scouts, the pony people and Al Lucas (SPCA) have expressed an interest in holding bake sales or other fund raisers as part of the CCT. The issue is that the side fundraisers have the potential to dilute the CCT instead of enhancing the light show. The issue was tabled for further consideration.

Display Update: Brackets need to be added to the red barn to hang additional lights. Dave F spoke to Jerry who will talk to the fair board and will reply. Schedule: Dave F noted that the contract with the FB states that we cannot decorate the Multipurpose Building or the area around it until after the rabbit sale event. Lavon noted that Jerry will be notified that lights are being hung in the parking lot opposite the building and Jerry will reply to Denise if this is an issue. The FB has approved improvements to the roads in the camp ground . Lavon noted that they want to grade the roads before Duraberm is added. Trucking noted that they will deliver the first load free of delivery charge but will charge for loads after that. The total for 3 truckloads (66 tons) would be \$10/ton for delivery and material.

Barricades: David S. noted that the county will donate the use of 35 tall construction cones for parking control during the CCT season. Each one lost would be \$100/each.

Security / Cameras: Last year the Sheriff setup 2 cameras, David S setup 4 cameras and Denise has one camera. They will e placed near high value displays/electronics. Dave F noted that the quotes for full security systems in in the \$16k - \$65k range, Out-of-our-budget. The Sheriff and the Jr Sheriff departments will again support the CCT.

Mowing: The grounds will require at least one more cutting before the weather cools enough to stop growth. Setup will be limited in grassy areas to avoid conflict with the mowers. One plug has already been sacrificed to the mower so we need to stay vigilant.

Boom Lift: Elmer Graber pulled the people mover and the wire trailer from his storage building. Both were moved to the Beef Barn. He plans to continue to store our trailers after the season is over.

Boom Fuel: Denise noted that she has setup an account with the local Marathon that will allow us to use a tab to purchase gasoline for the lift and kerosene for the heaters.

Banner: An outdoor sign is available on Hwy 1 between Spencerville and Leo. A banner could be made to advertise the CCT.

Helpers List: Denise noted that each worker is responsible for their own list of helpers that will be assembled for the end of year thank you list. Last year we missed a board member and we will not make that mistake again.

Parade Defiance: The Defiance Parade is Oct 27. After discussions it was generally decided that the float will have a Halloween theme and the people carrier will be pulled by a pickup and will have a Christmas theme. The companies that supported the construction of the people mover will be invited to ride the people mover for the parade.

The meeting was adjourned late.