

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

Present: Michael Dougherty, Peggy Schneider, Candy Moore, Wayne Eichelkraut, Jim Reilly and Heidi Eisert.
Absent: Sherra Blakely and Jani Eichelkraut.

Funding Request: Wayne requested \$175 for rental of a portable toilet/wash station for the LaSalle County Cruiser car show on September 26.

Action: On a motion by Candy and a second by Peggy, the allocation was approved.

Minutes: On a motion by Wayne and second by Candy, minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Financial Report: A total of \$8,500 has been spent on Music in the Park to date, including 8 band contracts (the ninth was paid for through Ottawa Rec), banners, and member polo shirts. Another \$8,500 is allocated, but not yet spent for the Festival of Lights Parade, depending on how that event shapes up in a pandemic year. Another \$14,000 is allocated to a few other events, such as a Movie Day.

Action: On a motion by Wayne and second by Mike, the financial report was approved.

Old Business:

Music in the Park 2020: Crowds have been record-breaking for the event. Audiences have been enthusiastic and pleased with the music lineup. Wayne and Mike congratulated Peggy for her booking choices. Wayne indicated that a 2021 season could be longer and include more bands. He proposed a season from late June into early September, and a budget of \$12,000.

New Business:

Festival of Lights Parade: Officials are still wrestling with how to hold an event safely. Plans are underway for a Chris Kringle market the first and second weekends in December.

Adjournment: 6:20 p.m. Due to the absence of the chairman on its regular date, the October meeting will be November 5 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The November business meeting will be on its usual third Thursday, November 19, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider