

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 17, 2021

Present: Peggy Schneider, Candy Moore, Wayne Eichelkraut, Heidy Eisert, Jim Reilly and Michael Dougherty

Absent: Sherra Blakely and Jani Eichelkraut.

Guests: Pamela Beckett and Shanna Dugan, representing Starved Rock Country Community Foundation; DeWayne Cronkright and Dylan Conmy, representing downtown merchants.

Minutes: On a motion by Jim and a second by Candy, minutes of the May 2021 meeting were approved.

Financial Report: On review of the budget, it was noted that all expenses administered by the committee were not listed, so Wayne authorized that the budgets for Music in the Streets (\$10,000) and children's activities (about \$15,000) be included in the monthly report so the committee could see the entire budget and allocations for which it is responsible.

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

Funding Requests:

Five funding requests were received and reviewed.

- 1) **\$5,000 requested from the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation** towards a Festival of the Arts event Sept. 24-26. The event would include a juried art contest, art activities for children and adults, film festival, lectures and demonstrations, and an art show. It would coincide with the Scarecrow Festival, which SRCCF absorbed after the Downtown Merchants Association disbanded. The festival continues one created by OmniArts. Funding also is coming from corporate sponsors, regional tourism organizations and state grants. Some participation fees will apply. Beckett, Dugan, Conmy and Cronkright explained the plans and the tie with Scarecrow.

Action: Following much discussion, on a motion by Mike and a second by Jim, the committee authorized an allocation of up to \$3,000 as follows: up to \$1,000 for supplies for free children's arts projects during the festival; up to \$1,000 toward portable restroom rental, and up to \$1,000 for a petting zoo for Scarecrow Festival.

Discussion: Wayne, who proposed the breakdown, said the distribution would support the city's determination to support free children's activities.

- 2) **\$500 requested from VFW Post 2470** for a Music in the Streets concert June 26.

Action: On a motion by Jim and a second by Candy, the committee authorized the allocation.

Discussion: The post had originally requested a total of \$500, with some of the money to be used for food or water, but the committee stuck to the original intention of the concert fund that the allocation go only toward a band. The post application also noted that the event will include children's activities and food sales, with proceeds going toward Habitat for Humanity.

- 3) **\$500 requested from Cat's Eye Wine Bar** for a Music in the Streets concert August 21.

Action: On a motion by Jim and second by Candy, the committee allocated the funds.

Discussion: It was noted that the requested time slot, beginning at 7:30 p.m., would need to change so as not to conflict with Music in the Park that night. Music in the Street concerts are scheduled after the park event so as not to conflict.

4) **\$500 requested from Tangled Roots Brewing** for music on Saturday, September 18, part of a three-day event called Oktoberfest running September 17-19. The request was scaled back from an earlier one to finance more of a share of the entire event.

Action: On a motion by Jim and second by Candy, the allocation was approved through the Music in the Streets budget.

5) **\$500 requested for a band from American Legion** for an event September 25.

Action: On a motion by Jim and second by Mike, the allocation was approved through the Music in the Streets fund.

Other Business:

The committee reviewed recent events such as the Kites in Flights, and scheduled hosts for some upcoming Music in the Park evenings.

Adjournment: 7:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled July 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider