

**SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – JULY 15, 2021**

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

Absent: Sherra Blakely.

Minutes: Minutes of the June 2021 meeting were approved.

Financial Report: The report included a breakdown of Music in the Park, Music in the Streets, and children's activities. Of the two music events' \$20,000 allocation, some \$9,700 has been earmarked for Music in the Park's nine concerts and another \$5,500 allocated to (current count) 10 concerts by local businesses. Additionally, \$1,500 in that budget will be spent on two bands for Friendship Days. To date, some \$6,300 of a \$15,000 total earmarked for children's activities has been allocated to specific events.

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

Funding Requests:

Six funding requests were reviewed.

1) ***\$5,000 requested from the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation*** towards a Festival of the Arts event Sept. 24-26. This second request from the foundation came after revisions to the schedule of events by organizers. After some discussion, the committee reduced its previous award by \$1,000, to include portable toilets and children's activities. A previous allocation for an event at Scarecrow Festival, which had been enveloped in to the art festival weekend, was removed. That may come as a separate request from Scarecrow Festival organizers later.

Action: On a motion by Mike and a second by Candy, the committee authorized an allocation of up to \$2,000, with \$1,000 going to supplies for free children's arts and up to \$1,000 toward portable restroom rental.

- 2) ***An allocation of \$500 requested from Iniga Pizzeria*** for a Music in the Streets concert August 14 was authorized.
- 3) ***An allocation of \$500 requested from Ottawa Elks Lodge*** for a Music in the Streets concert August 13 was authorized.
- 4) ***An allocation of \$500 requested from B.A.S.H.*** for a Music in the Streets concert on July 24 was authorized.
- 5) ***An allocation of \$1,000 requested from Shoreline Boat Club*** for the kids' fishing rodeo July 29 was authorized. The money will be used to purchase fishing poles and supplies for the estimated 75-100 young participants. The annual event will be held during Friendship Days.
- 6) ***An allocation of \$1,000 requested by Ottawa First*** for children's activities during the Touch-A-Truck event at Friendship Days was authorized.

Other Business:

The committee reviewed recent events.

Adjournment: 6:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled August 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider