

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

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

Absent: Sherra Blakely, Jani Eichelkraut and Heidy Eisert.

Guests: Dylan Conmy of Prairie Fox Books.

Minutes: Minutes of the August 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

Financial Report: A total of \$17,200 has been spent on Music in the Park and Music in the Streets, with \$2,700 remaining in the budget. Some \$7,000 has been spent on family events, with \$8,400 remaining in the budget.

Action: On a motion by Jim and second by Candy, the financial report was approved as amended.

Funding Requests:

Four funding requests were reviewed.

- 1) *An allocation of \$500 requested from Pitstop* towards a DJ for a Music in the Streets at 522 W. Main on September 18 was authorized.
- 2) *An allocation of \$500 requested from Muffy's Tap* for a Music in the Streets concert September 24 in the 400 Blk of W. Madison was authorized.
- 3) *An allocation of \$1,000 requested from Sherri Countryman* for an outdoor family movie night October 9 (or 10th if it rains) in the Jordan Block was authorized. The money will be used toward the rental of the movie screen/projector.
- 4) *An allocation of \$650 requested from Prairie Fox Books* for the second annual Lit Fest in Washington Park on October 16 was authorized. Dylan explained the money will go toward tables and chairs and to pay a fee for a Native American author doing presentation and crafts. Some 40 local and regional authors will be represented, with readings, activities, a keynote speaker and crafts for the family.

Dylan withdrew another \$250 request for a past event, since that event had not been submitted to or approved by the committee before the request was made. (See Financial Report item above; the report had included this expenditure in anticipation of possible action, but since it was withdrawn, the financial report total was increased by that amount.)

Other Business:

- The committee reviewed Music in the Park, pronouncing it a success, and tossed around some entertainment suggestions. Audiences were estimated at between 250 to 400-plus for the outdoor concerts.
- The committee agreed to explore the potential of offering food at concerts, either from licensed food trucks and/or non-profit fraternal/community organizations.
- The committee discussed marketing the summer entertainment. Wayne said Music in the Streets will continue next year.

- The committee discussed parades in the summer and holiday season, and holiday decorating events. Wayne will meet with two local organizations to discuss a holiday parade idea. Jim will look at the possibility of reviving the summer parade.

Adjournment: 7:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled October 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider