

Ottawa Special Events Committee

Minutes of October 5, 2023

Meeting called to order: 5:37 pm by Michael Dougherty

Present: Jani Eichelkraut, Wayne Eichelkraut, Lucas Hennenfent, Rich Crum, Lloyd Chapman, Michael Dougherty, Jim Reilly, Dan Eilts, Alaina Iverson, and Abby Kennedy

Absent: Robin Wilson, Candy Moore

Funding Request: Trunk or Treat on Court Street, October 28, 2023, 12 pm til 3 pm requesting total of \$1,000.00 to cover dunk tank rental, face painter, balloon artist and craft materials.

Motion to approve by Jani Eichelkraut 2nd by Jim Reilly.

Jani Eichelkraut made motion to purchase a gift card of \$200.00 from Farm and Fleet for Leslie and Jason of Inskeep Acres for bringing Nigerian Pigmy Goats to Fall Festival in Jordan Block. The tiny goats were a big hit with children and adults. 2nd by Rich Crum.

Minutes approved with correction on spelling of Lucas Hennenfent last name. move by Mike Dougherty 2nd by Lucas Hennenfent.

Financial report discussed motion to accept by Lucas Hennenfent 2nd by Rich Crum.

Fall Festival discussion included several items. Thanks to LP Band for participating and entertaining even after parade. Local Bands were invited to participate but none were able to attend. Jim Reilly raised money for the event and 50/50 raffle donated money also. Wallace School faculty and students did much of the decorations at Jordan Block and these were also used for Smoketober Fest. Jim Reilly reported on Parade – he was very pleased with result and quite happy Jesse White Tumbles performed. Thanks to all who helped. Do need to work on and coordinate Social Media notifications and changes in a timely manner.

MIP surveys – great ratings by attendees and good suggestions.

Festival of Lights Parade – Rich Crum states all is coming along well. H played a digital add for committee for next years parade.

Place on agenda for next meeting: Vote to increase Music in the Streets incentive for bands.

Next meeting will be November 16, 2023

Meeting Adjourned 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Jani Eichelkraut