

Ottawa Special Events Committee

Minutes of May 6, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:38 p.m.

Present: Wayne Eichelkraut, Jani Eichelkraut, Rich Crum, Jim Reilly, Dan Eilts, Robin Wilson

Absent: Lucas Hennenfent, Candy Moore

Introduction of guests: Judy Dagraedt, Lloyd and Diane Chapman, James Less

Public Comment: Judy Dagraedt would like to bring back gospel night. Only expense would be the sound system. Possibly one concert per month. (Wayne suggested may start with Sunday afternoon or evening. Have it on August 6 at the end of Friendship Days) This was agreeable all around.

Funding Requests: Reddick Library is sponsoring Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 3rd. Requesting \$1,387.00 for two entertainers: T-Rexplorers \$937.00 and Magician Dan Gogh \$450.00 (note: limit per event for SEC is \$1,000.00) moved by Jim Reilly 2nd by Jani Eichelkraut to approve up to \$1,000.00 – motion approved.

2. Cars and Coffee free event sponsored by LaSalle County Cruisers to be held 8 to 11 am on May 7, 2023 at 234 Albin Stevens Dr, (old Central School site) They are requesting \$250.00 for port-o-potties and handwash station. Would also like to use 6 picnic tables and 2 garbage cans. Moved by Jim Reilly 2nd by Robin Wilson for \$250.00 – motion approved

3. Pride fest – June 10, 2023 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm Sponsored by Open Space. Requesting \$150.00 for Craft supplies Moved by Jim Reilly 2nd Robin Wilson Motion approved

4. Ottawa's Third Friday to be held 06-16-2023, 07-21-2023, and 08-18-2023. Sponsored by Open Space – requesting \$500.00 moved by Jim Reilly 2nd Dan Eilts motion approved

Financial Report approved with motion by Robin Wilson and 2nd by Rich Crum

James Less gave a synopsis of Downers Grove Music in the Park – held on Tuesday evenings from May thru Sept.

Old Business: Jim Reilly gave progress report on parade participants for fall festival. He sent letters of requests for bands from local schools to march in parade. Letter to Mike Cushing, Superintendent of Ottawa High School, responded No to participation in parade- reason because Homecoming is day before parade. Two letters were read to committee to explain the request for bands participation and to request donations from different organizations. Also e-mails sent to persons who might be interested in entering floats in parade,

Meeting Adjourned: 6:47 p.m.

Next meeting will be June 1st at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jani Eichelkraut