

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2016

Present: Wayne Eichelkraut, Jani Eichelkraut, Peggy Schneider, Jim Reilly, Alaina Rivers and Nancy Stisser. Michael Dougherty served as president pro tem in the absence of Joyce Kellogg.

Absent: Joyce Kellogg, Don Gillette, and Phyllis Revell.

New Business:

Mr. and Mrs. Santa: On a motion by Jim and second by Peggy, the committee approved giving the couple who portray Santa and Mrs. Claus during the season and at the parade a check for \$150 in appreciation of their volunteer efforts.

Jazz Band appreciation: On a motion by Jim and second by Peggy, the committee approved sending a \$150 check to the OTHS jazz band for their performance during Ice Odyssey events in December 2015. A letter of appreciation will also be sent.

Further appreciation: The committee discussed donating to Jeremiah Joe Coffee in appreciation for use of the 807 Building as a rain location for Music in the Park concerts, but postponed any action until it was determined how much was contributed last year.

Minutes

Minutes from the Oct. 15, 2015, meeting – the last time the committee met -- were read and approved on a motion by Jani and second by Alaina.

Financial Report

Alaina reported the budget balance is \$11,282.

Wayne reported that, though the council has not yet passed a budget, the committee likely would receive the same appropriation as last year, \$49,500.

Old Business:

Quilt Guild allocation: Nancy reported that the representatives of the Illinois Valley Quilt Guild had called her asking about the status of their request for funding. At her request, I sent her minutes of the last meeting and recalled that the committee had awarded the request with the stipulation that we find out when they needed the money and whether it would come out of the current FY budget or the next one. Nancy reported that the guild was happy to take our \$900 to reserve the hall and that the appropriation could be done at this time because the committee still had money in its budget.

Children's Movie: The Eichelkrauts will discuss an Easter break movie for local children with the manager of the Roxy Theater and update the committee on their progress. The committee allotted \$2000 for the event, which will be March 26.

Annual Event Funding: The committee discussed recent events it organized or funded, including the Festival of Lights Parade and Ice Odyssey. All agreed the FOL had gone well with some minor issues to be addressed in future. The committee thanked Michael for making wooden pedestals for the ice sculptures, which were displayed in February. Nancy reported that the sculptures were removed within 48 hours because they were melting and some had been vandalized. This year's display included 14 sculptures and 10 sponsors. She said the event, which has sputtered in the past few years, would be reevaluated in the fall for funding.

Music in the Park: Nancy received clarification over the schedule for music in the Park concerts so she could set about finalizing contracts with the bands.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Michael and second by Alaina. The next meeting will be March 17.

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Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.