

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 17, 2017

Present: Michael Dougherty (president pro tem), Peggy Schneider, Alaina Rivers, Jani Eichelkraut, Wayne Eichelkraut, Don Gillette, Jim Reilly, Nancy Stisser and Candy Moore.

Absent: Joyce Kellogg and Phyllis Revell.

Minutes: Copies of the January meeting minutes not being available, there was no action taken at the meeting. The committee reviewed the minutes via email.

Action: On a motion by Jim and second by Peggy, the January minutes were approved.

Funding Request: Nancy reported that Adrian Revell asked whether the committee would consider a request on behalf of the Starved Rock Civil War Round Table to contribute to a plaque honoring Judge T. Lyle Dickey and the Dickey House. Jani and Mike pointed out that the SEC focuses on events and directed the Round Table to other avenues of funding that might be more appropriate.

Financial Report: SEC has a balance of \$3,933, including a total of \$1,973 unallocated. Alaina noted the most recent appropriations were to the Safe House Animal Rescue Easter Egg Hunt and Shoreline Boat Club's Miss Riverbottom contest.

Action: The financial report was approved.

Old Business:

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Claus: The committee directed Alaina to post a check of \$100 to the couple who portrays the city's Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in appreciation for their tireless efforts to entertain children at the Festival of Lights parade and the Santa House. The action confirmed a vote taken at the last regular meeting.

Action: On a motion by Peggy and second by Alaina, the committee authorized the gift.

Music in the Park: Alaina reported that she has received all but 2 contracts for bands committed to the summer concert series, and will secure the remaining contracts. Total allocation for the event is \$7,750. The committee was presented with copies of an announcement promoting the concert series that accompanies an ad of Ottawa businesses appearing regularly in the LaSalle News-Tribune. The committee briefly discussed alternative scheduling and promised to revisit that issue in the future.

Easter Egg Hunt: The second annual event was even bigger than last year, with over 2,000 children pursuing 23,000 eggs for candy, prizes and gift certificates.

Movie: SEC again hosted a free movie for children in the Ottawa school districts over the Easter break. Some 500 tickets were issued for admission and free refreshments, and the audience occupied two of the theaters at the Roxy. Wayne, who was in charge of the event, reported it was well received and well organized. A group of children attending the

Ottawa YMCA, which arrived for a similar movie event at the same time, were invited to participate. The free movie has been a popular event for years and usually attracts hundreds of participants who fill several of the Roxy's theaters.

New Business:

Membership: Mike announced that President Joyce Kellogg will step down from the committee due to other commitments.

Action: On a motion by Jim and second by Alaina, Mike – who has served as president in Joyce's absence – was appointed president.

The committee reminded Wayne and the City Council that Candy still needs to be officially appointed so that she can vote.

The group adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.