

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – JULY 21, 2016

Present: Wayne Eichelkraut, Jani Eichelkraut, Peggy Schneider, Michael Dougherty, Joyce Kellogg, Don Gillette, and Nancy Stisser.

Absent: Alaina Rivers, Phyllis Revelle and Jim Reilly

Guests: Charles Stanley, reporter for The Times.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Jani nominated Joyce to continue as president, and Mike nominated Peggy to continue as secretary. There being no others, nominations were closed.

Action: On a motion by Jani and second by Mike, Joyce was elected unanimously. On a motion by Mike and second by Jani, Peggy was elected by unanimous vote. Mike was selected to serve as president pro tem in Joyce's absence.

Request for funds: None.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 19 meeting, the last time there was a quorum, were approved as read.

Correspondence: None

Financial Report: According to the report submitted for review by Alaina, the Special Events Committee fund has a \$27,674 balance

Action: On a motion by Mike and second by Jani, the committee voted to accept the report.

Old Business:

18th Annual Cruise Night:

Mike reported the weather and turnout were great. Trucks were added as a category this year. Logistically, the event went smoothly.

Music in the Park:

Wayne wondered at what point to call a concert and take it indoors if it's too hot. After some discussion, and there being no set timetable, it was determined that the host of the night would make the decision and inform managers of the 807 Building, which has allowed Special Events Committee to move indoors in bad weather.

Nancy reported the purchase of a plastic water cooler (to replace a foam one) to supply water to the performers, courtesy of the city. She also addressed concerns about electrical power in the park. SEC hosts can contact the police department, which will contact a city crewmember, if power issues arise in future.

Founders Day Picnic:

Nancy reported plans are underway for the annual Riverfest event. She noted that attendance has dropped over the years as older residents pass away or are working and cannot attend. She noted nursing homes have been very supportive of the event, contributing to entertainment and food, and usually providing transportation to the site. She did note, however, that there is some discord over the cost of renting the hall which must be resolved.

New business:**Music in the Park Issues:****Band Substitution:**

Joyce had emailed members June 29 that, due to a family emergency, the Incognitos could not perform on July 16 as scheduled. The booking agent arranged for Second Hand Soul to substitute at the same \$1,100 cost. Joyce okayed the substitution before notifying the committee of the change. Host that night, Alaina, reported the substitute band was well received.

Payment to Jeremiah Joe Coffee/DeWayne Cronkright:

An issue that has been up in the air because the committee lacked a quorum to take action was resolved. The committee had discussed giving DeWayne (who arranges for the use of the 807 Building) a token amount in appreciation for using the building in foul weather. In past discussion, nobody could remember how often SEC had to use the venue.

Last year, concerts were moved indoors twice, so Wayne suggested that SEC give \$300 (\$150 each).

Action: On a motion by Jani and a second by Don, the committee allocated \$300 to DeWayne.

2017 Schedule:

Peggy asked when next year's concert schedule would be discussed, and the committee decided to place the item on August's agenda. Members should bring suggestions.

Washington Park appearance:

Joyce complained that Washington Park has looked weedy and overgrown this summer. On one occasion earlier this season, she actually did some cleaning and weeding herself prior to a concert. Garbage containers also were overflowing, and she wondered who she could call to get them emptied. Wayne suggested calling the newly appointed Public Works Director Gary Scott, and gave a phone number at which he could be reached. Joyce also wondered why a downtown hot dog vendor did not join the popcorn wagon during concerts. Apparently the vendor has not yet been asked to do so.

Restroom Facilities:

In the wake of a newspaper column about inadequate restroom facilities, the committee discussed them. In the past, concert-goers have had access to a portable facility used by

the Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market, but the portable facility has been inaccessible after the market closes this year because SEC lacked the key. So the Chamber has offered its use to SEC, with a spare key for the host each concert evening. Joyce, meanwhile, had looked into providing other portable facilities, but even a discounted cost from the supplier would be a weekly charge not covered in the SEC budget.

2017 Gospel Night:

Event organizers told the committee the act they wanted to book, The Kramers, insist on being booked a year in advance.

Action: On a motion by Don and second by Jani, SEC (which finances the event as part of its Music in the Park series) authorized booking the popular act at \$500. Peggy cast the single dissenting vote.

Action: At organizers' request, on a motion by Mike and second by Jani, the committee authorized \$150 to go to Dave and Donna Brooks, who supplied the sound system for the Kramers' performance. Performers are required to supply or arrange their own sound equipment. The Kramers will be notified next year that one fee from the city will be issued to them, and their costs must come from that.

Meeting Attendance:

The committee discussed attendance issues, and Jani reported that one member frequently absent was not receiving emails of upcoming meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on a motion by Don and a second by Mike. The next meeting will be August 18.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.