

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2015

Present: Joyce Kellogg, Don Gillette, Jani Eichelkraut, Wayne Eichelkraut, Peggy Schneider, Michael Dougherty, Alaina Rivers, and Jim Reilly.

Absent: Phyllis Revell and city liaison Nancy Stisser.

Guests

Barb Bowen attended as a friend of Joyce's and potential member.

Request for Funds

Ottawa Elks BPOE 588 requested \$500 for its music fest Sept.12. The event will feature two bands and a story-teller and run from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.on Jefferson Street. If street construction or streetscaping is underway at that time, the event likely will move to the alley. The group received \$300 last year.

Action: Jim moved, and Alaina seconded, that SEC allocate \$500 to be used toward the music. The motion was approved.

Minutes

The July minutes were amended to include the number of Music in the Park banners, and approved as amended on a motion by Jani and second by Mike.

Financial Report

Alaina presented a financial update on recent expenses. Members suggested some additions of events and figures to be included in next month's report. Wayne assured the committee that requests from other local organizations from the hotel/motel tax would not affect SEC's allocation.

Correspondence:

- 1) Alaina reported that the Victorian carolers quartet who have appeared at recent Festival of Lights parades sought to finalize their schedule and hoped to be included in the 2015 parade.

Action: Jani moved, and Jim seconded, that the carolers be booked for the parade, with payment to be determined. All agreed

- 2) Another act, the Doodledorfers, requested to ride on a float because it no longer has its own transportation. The committee agreed the group could be assigned one of the floats, and Alaina was directed to contact them to determine their availability and cost to appear.

New Business:

Music in the Park

In a review of the ongoing 2015 season, the committee discussed the acts, the 2016 slate of performers, host duties and publicity.

- 1) Some members had heard complaints from the audience that the Legacy Girls routinely played for only an hour rather than the full two hours.

- 2) Joyce urged members to volunteer to host an evening so that the duty is spread among members. Some were forced to fill two nights.
- 3) Peggy reported that several articles or photos have appeared in the local newspaper, and there have been announcements on the radio, making this one really good year for publicizing MIP. Also, the schedule and a description of each band appear on the city web site and – for the first time -- its Facebook link. Members decided against developing an SEC Facebook page. Members also suggested publicizing the concert series in the La Salle News-Tribune and through appearances on WCMY-1430.
- 4) Joyce volunteered to establish dates for the 2016 series so members could begin determining the slate of performers. While SEC cannot sign contracts before the new fiscal year, it can secure commitments from various acts to appear – thus giving the committee a draft schedule to work with earlier next year.
- 5) Discussion will continue with members suggesting various acts to contact.

Recruiting New Members

Joyce suggested members “bring a friend” as a candidate to boost membership.

Movie Night

The Eichelkrauts have organized the activity in the past and propose to do so next spring. Since both public and parochial districts have a common day off at Easter, a free movie for kids likely will be scheduled then, with a title to be determined.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. on a motion by Mike and second by Alaina. The next regular meeting is September 17, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.