

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 16, 2012

Present: Elaine Baker, Peggy Schneider, Mike Dougherty, Heidy Eisert and Nancy Stisser.

Absent: Don Gillette, Joyce Kellogg, Wayne Eichelkraut, Jani Eichelkraut, Jim Reilly, Phyllis Revell.

Requests for funds:

- 1) **Elks Music Fest** – Elks requested \$500 towards a “Music Fest,” successor to the Polkafest but relying less on polka music. The event is scheduled to be held Sept. 15.

ACTION: On a motion by Elaine, seconded by Mike, the committee allocated \$300 toward the cost of the band. The amount is the same as the group received last year.

- 2) **Ottawa First fireworks** – The organization requested \$500 toward portable toilets during the rescheduled fireworks display on Labor Day weekend. Activities and entertainment will lead up to the fireworks display.

ACTION: On a motion by Mike, seconded by Elaine, the committee allocated \$400 to Ottawa First.

Minutes: July minutes were read and approved on a motion by Elaine and a second by Peggy.

Correspondence:

- 1) A note from the Jump N Jive Band prompted a short discussion about future Music in the Park bands. It was decided to wait until Don returned, with his familiarity of various bands under consideration, to discuss the issue further.
- 2) Indian Ridge Farm of Sheridan provides pony and stage-coach rides. The committee discussed including a stage coach as a Festival of Lights parade float.

Old Business:

Festival of Lights Parade: Heidy reported that a Santa Fe train float proved a popular addition to the Riverfest parade, and wondered whether to invite participation in the FOL parade.

Financial: Nancy reported that, since Founders Day and Music in the Park expenses were lower than anticipated, about \$2,000 additional was freed up to be used toward events. That’s on top of about \$8,000 in contingency funding.

New Business:

Movie in the Park – Nancy reported that some non-profit groups that had successfully hosted outdoor movies wondered if the SEC would undertake the activity. Nancy responded that SEC had sponsored outdoor movies, to limited attendance. The committee speculated that, since it probably would not take on the event, it might entertain a funding request to assist other organizations.

Music in the Park: The committee learned that the Jackson Street closure for the event received a complaint from a downtown merchant who said it hindered business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.