

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2013

Present: Wayne Eichelkraut, Don Gillette, Peggy Schneider, Joyce Kellogg, Mike Dougherty, Elaine Baker, Jim Reilly, and Nancy Stisser.

Absent: Jani Eichelkraut, Phyllis Revell and Heidi Eisert.

Minutes

Minutes for the May 16 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Don and second by Joyce.

Funding Request

Wayne presented a funding request to allocate \$500 toward portable toilets for the Big Hat Rodeo and for use throughout the LaSalle County 4H & Junior Fair. The rodeo kicks off the fair which runs July 10-14 at the 4H Fairgrounds.

The portable restrooms supplement the permanent ones which just can't handle the crowds. The LaSalle County Farm Bureau will be responsible for ordering the restrooms and will submit documents toward reimbursement of the \$500 from the SEC.

Although the fairgrounds are not inside the city limits, Wayne explained that currently the City is working with the Farm Bureau regarding easements for a water line across their property and in the spirit of cross-agency cooperation, he proposed the assistance with this fair expense.

Action: The allocation was approved on a motion by Joyce and second by Mike.

Old Business:

Cruise Night – Aided by perfect weather, the 2013 Cruise Night was a success, Mike reported. Crowds and car show enthusiasts converged in downtown Ottawa in near-record numbers. The event went smoothly except for two issues: sidewalk vendors that were not non-profit organizations, and the handling of a parking violator at event time.

Music in the Park: After some last-minute juggling, all dates for the summer series have been filled, and members were assigned to host the evenings. Acts and hosts are as follows: July 20 - Johnnie Kaye Orchestra, Don; July 27- The Downtowners, Don; Aug. 10 - The Generics, Elaine and Peggy; Aug. 17 - Talk of the Town, Mike; Aug. 24 - Class Act, Joyce, and Aug. 31 - The Jim Markum Band, Joyce. Patriotic Night will feature the Legacy Girls on July 6 and Gospel Night will be July 13. Those events fall under the SEC concert series but are managed by other entities. A total of \$6,800 has been allocated for the series this year, and Nancy says the bands' fees were very reasonable.

Old Business:

Mike wondered about Alaina Rivers' status in organizing the 2013 Festival of Lights Parade. Nancy told the committee she would check on Alaina's involvement this year, as well as seek clarification again from city officials on her status as an official SEC member.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.