

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – August 15, 2013

Present: Don Gillette, Jim Reilly, and Nancy Stisser

Absent: Peggy Schneider, Joyce Kellogg, Elaine Baker, Mike Dougherty, Heidi Eisert, Phyllis Revell, Wayne and Jani Eichelkraut

Minutes: Minutes of the June 20, 2013 as presented had an incorrect description of property owned by the LaSalle County Farm Bureau, the correction was made and the minutes approved as corrected.

Financial Report: New Fiscal Year began May 1, 2013.

Requests for Funds: Ottawa Elks Lodge – Musicfest 2013

Old Business:

Members discussed this year's Music In The Park events held to date. It was noted that the Gospel Night event was disappointing in general, seemed to be unorganized and the musical portion of the evening was sub-par. Although there apparently were some last minute issues with the performances that they had planned, it was agreed that before next year's event G.N. organizers will need to meet with the SEC members to discuss plans in advance. It was also mentioned that the Patriotic Night entertainers (The Legacy Girls) contract was for a 75 minute performance. Their performance lasted only 60 minutes. Considering the increase they have made in performance fees (2 years ago it was \$300, last year it was \$500, this year it was \$600), members agreed this matter should be discussed with the PN organizers before contracting with them again.

New Business:

Members were given copies of a request from Tony Epperson on behalf of the Ottawa Elks Lodge. Besides the use of a City street and some equipment, their request included \$500 toward the cost of their musical entertainment. For the past several years, Elks members have made an effort to draw more people to their annual event. This year they have decided to hold it earlier in the fall season and to offer music other than the standard polka variety. Because some SEC members had advised in advance they would not be able to attend the 8/15 meeting, they were given an opportunity to voice their opinion on the funding request prior to the meeting. Members present expressed their opinions and then were given the results of the straw poll taken earlier in the week. It was noted that there are still funds available in the Music In The Park budget. It was moved by Jim Reilly and seconded by Don Gillette that the SEC allocate \$300 to the Ottawa Elks Lodge toward their musical expenses.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary, Nancy Stisser