

LCA Meeting Notes November 9, 2021

Present: Mary A Snyder, Barbara and Ed Stofcheck, Connie Kendall, Cheryl Johnson, Lindsay Smith, Rhonda Burggraf, Mark Poling, Amy Kerr

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm at the LaRue Methodist Church.

Lindsey led us in prayer.

Rhonda read the minutes of the last meeting. They were adopted as read.

Connie gave the treasurer's report. She reported a deposit of \$700 since the last meeting. The current balance is \$57,071.73.

Barb read a letter from Elgin School's requesting a monetary donation toward Christmas baskets. Connie moved to send \$500 donation to Elgin for this project. Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Barb said that she and Debi completed the Rotary Grant application. The funding is capped at \$2500. Instead of asking for grant money toward sidewalks (cost more than \$100,000) they requested funding for a Jim Thorpe Cardinal. Keith Tackett (of Marion) can make a base for the cardinal for a cost of \$800. We also need to pay for shipping and handling of the Cardinal.

Nominations for LCA officers will be given at the first meeting in January 2022. Elections will be held at the second meeting in January 2022. All members are encouraged to attend and take part in elections.

The group discussed what LCA should or should not do to welcome Family Dollar once they are in town.

The Village welcomed six new residents in 2021. Connie made a motion to buy six small fruit baskets for the new residents. Cheryl seconded this motion. Motion passed. Rhonda ordered from Elgin FFA. Connie and Rhonda will deliver.

All interested parties (LCA, Dustin and council) should meet in January 2022 to decide a plan of attack for the new park.

The group discussed the dilapidated buildings in town. Barb will contact Ray Grogan about the process to have those buildings removed.

Connie asked that the LCA get a business account with a debit card. Rhonda moved to allow Connie to get a business account with a debit card. Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Barb suggested a movie night at the Doss building in January. This issue is held to the next meeting.

Local News:

Rhonda reported a good turnout for the yoga class.

The Village will not be updating the streetlights in the near future. Therefore, the Village will not be upgrading the electric on those poles to 220. The first part of the Rt. 37 project will address north of School Street.

The Village cannot give any information on when the modulars may be moved from the new park location. The Village is willing to turn over the property to a non-profit or group of non-profits who want to use it and take over the upkeep and utilities on the buildings.

Amy announced that Christmas in the Village will be Thursday December 16th from 6 to 8 pm.

Bang: Connie reported that the profit from the Bang was \$20,798.75. The Village generously will absorb the electric bill during the Bang so there will be no electric bill for LCA to pay. Ryan has not given us a bill yet. The tractor pedal gentleman has not cashed a check for \$423. That is still outstanding. The silent auction generated \$777. The bake auction generated \$2991.

Tyler said that the band plug-in is 120 but they should have 220. The price to upgrade was \$2500. Cheryl will contact AEP to ask what help they can give us on the upgrade from 120-220. Depending on what they can help with she will call Ryan to get a quote on 120-120 upgrade and an upgrade on the breakers on the pole. We may also need more breakers by the inflatables.

The parcels of property (Bookman) next to Coonies may be available for Bang use in June.

Amy will investigate the cost and application for a \$50 Bingo permit for the June Bang. Rhonda made a motion for LCA to pay \$50 for the permit. Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Barb will reach out to Tai Williams about his friend who owns small carnival rides to investigate the possible addition of rides to the Bang.

Cheryl will contact Jim A. to ask about his contacts if any with the NFL. We want to get on their radar about the 100-year anniversary celebration.

Rhonda will contact Speedy Sneakers to secure their help with the 5k again for the June Bang.

The group discussed having Richwood Bank do advertising for the Bang and for getting advertising on the radio.

The next meeting is December 14th at 7 pm. (No 2nd meeting of the month as it falls on Thanksgiving).

The meeting concluded at 8:42 pm.