

La Rue Community Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

4/12/2022

PRESENT: Mary Ann Snyder, Connie Kendell, Barbara Stofcheck, Teri McCormack, Jeff McCormack, Josh Harper, Cheryl Johnson, Amy Kerr, Mark Poling, Oscar Holcomb, Richard Holcomb

Lindsay Smith opened our meeting at 7 p.m. by leading us in prayer.

Rhonda Burgraff was not feeling well and unable to attend. Cheryl Johnson took minutes for her.

Treasurer's report noted that our balance is \$58,151.31. This balance includes a check from the Council on Aging in the amount of \$3,000.00. This was money awarded to us so we can pay utilities at the modulars and see if we want to try to keep the buildings open as a community center. Council has agreed to allow us a trial period to do this.

Cheryl Johnson noted that sponsorship letters should go in the mail this week.

A grant to pay for a walkway from Kiwanis Village to the new park area has been discussed. Denise Stallsmith is very happy with the idea. The gentleman from Access Engineering noted that the walking path must be ten feet wide and will require easements of an additional ten feet on both sides totaling a thirty feet span of property. Richwood has done this and those that have seen it said it is very nice. It was noted that this is a project that will require some time to get easements and get engineering done to proceed. This work could be done over the winter and possibly apply for grants in early 2023.

It was noted that no new or large projects will be tackled until the Oorang Bang is over in June.

Veronica Brant, who is our yoga instructor, wants to add her yoga information to our new web site being done by The Richwood Bank Media Group. Jordan Treadway said our pages are going well and we hope to have it up and running by May 1st.

Infinite Inflatables quoted us \$1217.30 for the obstacle course, bounce house, ski ball, and soccer game units. They had given us a higher price but had forgotten that we reworked our sponsorship perimeters in exchange for a lower price from them. When reminded of this, they did honor their original agreement.

Jim Pryor has a gravity bed wagon that we can use to build the basketball game we saw online. Matt Applefeller has volunteered to build what is required if we obtain the lumber required. THANKS TO JIM AND MATT!

Barb has been trying to contact the Historical Society concerning the possibility of getting somebody to portray Walter Lingo. To date, they have not returned her calls.

Sara Wasserbeck will be doing face painting on Saturday. Rhonda Irey will be doing face painting on Friday.

The Bucyrus Shriners will be coming to be in the parade for sure. Ryan Ratliff will be singing prior to the parade.

The Fire Department Auxiliary noted they will be paying \$45.00 per hour for Sheriff's Deputies and security needs. They will be hiring two deputies.

On Friday the event will open at 3 p.m. Craft people and vendors can be set-up at 4 p.m. We have Creative Dance Factory and a gymnastics group that would like to perform. Possibly they can perform at 4:30 p.m. The car show will be from 4 to 7 p.m. The parade starts at 7 p.m. The band will start playing at 8 p.m. However, they said it would take them 3 hours to set-up and prepare to play at 8 p.m. It was noted that they could set up while the parade is going through town as long as the parade announcer can be heard.

Ryan Eisle will start redoing the electric when the weather gets nicer. He did not mention if he has even *been* able to get all the electrical supplies he needs.

John Hickman has offered to try to get sponsors for some of our events. If he can think of any new people to help us, that would be great!

The possibility of buying can koosies to sell was discussed. 250 of them would cost us \$287.50, 500 would cost \$525.00, and 1000 would cost \$850.00. It was discussed that we should remove the date and we felt we could sell them for \$4 to \$5 each. By removing the date, we could sell any leftovers the following year. A motion was made by Teri McCormack to purchase 1,000. Josh Harper seconded. Motion carried. I believe these were being obtained from the Embroidery Warehouse in Edison.

The Saturday schedule was discussed at this time. Pancake breakfast is 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. The 5K registration begins at 8 a.m. The 5K run starts at 9 a.m. The Kidde Pedal Pull is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon. The cow will arrive for the cow/plop/drop at 2 p.m. Garden Tractor Pull will be from 1 to 4. The dulcimer group, Steve Mosley, and Casey will perform from 1 to 4 p.m. The duck race will start at 6 p.m. The goodie auction will be done at 7 p.m. *A. JOSEPHINE?* The band will start at 8 p.m.

The Richwood Bank noted that the domain name will stay the same. We are just moving the domain name. *location*

Amy noted that WMRN IHEART RADIO will do 2 weeks of targeted streaming for our event on 95.9 and 94.3 for \$532.00. This would be run on Monday through Friday at 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Amy spoke with Erik Mosley. A motion was made by Teri McCormack to accept this offer and pay for the advertising. Josh Harper seconded. Vote of all present and motion carried.

Josh Harper noted that the fire department would like to have their own exercise equipment so they can all stay as fit as possible. They wondered if the LCA could pay for some or all of the equipment. Much discussion followed. No motions or votes were taken.

Mark Cramer will be bringing his train for children to ride in. It is metal and quite heavy. Cheryl Johnson said she may be able to ask Evan Long to use his trailer to transport them.

The Lion's Club will be doing chuck-a-luck.

Bob Howell had mentioned that the walking paths at the park and underneath the bleachers at the ball diamonds are in need of stone. He estimated that \$500.00 in stone should take care of all the areas in need. Mary Snyder made a motion that we purchase up to \$500.00 worth of stone. Jeff McCormack seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The next committee meeting to prepare for the Oorang Bang will be on Sunday April 24th at 4 p.m. at the modulars.

The next regular LCA meeting will be 4/28/2022 at 7 p.m. at the LaRue Baptist Church.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Johnson