



Minutes for May 8, 2017

The meeting opened with a presentation by Carrie Tripp with the Initiative Foundation. The foundation started 31 years ago and serves 14 counties in Central Minnesota with the goal of promoting healthy communities, quality of life, and philanthropy. She wants area business and community leaders to be aware the organization has loans and grants available to help existing businesses grow and for new start up businesses' that will boost the local economy and benefit the area. They also look for opportunities to help local programs that help low income families and champion leadership development for our local youth.

For more information, please visit the website: <https://www.ifound.org/>

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New Business

The website for City of Onamia and the Civic Association has a new look! The directory has been updated and includes links to local business websites (if applicable). The Civic Association will begin uploading monthly minutes to the site for easy viewing and new members will soon have the option to join by clicking a link to fill out the membership application. There is also a link to our Facebook page under the Civic Association tab. The Maps section is improved as well and includes a map of Minnesota, the City of Onamia, Fitness and ATV trails.

Check it out at: <http://oniamn.com/>

Old Business

Planning for Onamia Days is coming along nicely; however, we are in desperate need of somebody to run the Kiddie Parade. In addition, we are seeking volunteers to work at the beer garden, information booth, and hamburger stand. The board voted unanimously to allow Onamia logo merchandise (T-shirts and Sweatshirts) to

be placed on sale at the information booth during Onamia Days for fundraiser to benefit the local parks.

Onamia Days banners should be going up before the fishing opener. There are a couple of details to work out for the Onamia Days schedule, but the completed version will soon be finalized and posted around town. We will have table tents with schedule available at local area restaurants. The buttons and ride tickets are in and will soon be available for sale around town. Patti Weirsgalla will have a button and ticket table set up on June 1, 2017 at the Grand Market from 8:30 - 1:30 (or while supplies last). She would dearly appreciate a volunteer or two who could help with this event. Please contact Patti to schedule your time.

Raffle Tickets are available! Please stop by the Hardware store and pick up a bundle if you are interested in selling some.

Financial Report

Treasurer Gretta Sorvic reported that as of April 17, 2017 our balance is \$19, 573.63.

The Shriners have requested a donation for gas to participate in the Onamia Days parade. OACA will donate equal to the amount given last year, not to exceed \$100.00.

Thank you Notes

Thank you to Lakeside Lawn Care and Olsen Family Day care for candy donation for the Easter egg hunt. Your contributions helped make the day special for the children. Thank you.

Next Meetings

Our next meeting will be held June 19, 2017 at City Hall at 7PM. We look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully Submitted by Judy Cotter, OACA Secretary