



Minutes for March 11, 2019

The meeting was attended by Sarah and Garret Lancaster, Jenny Ritter, Stephanie Conzet, Anita Block, Judy Cotter, Marge Agnew, Richard Johnson, and Cyndi Martin. Agenda items included treasury report, employee of the quarter nominations, Onamia Days planning, and ideas for new projects.

Old Business

The current treasury report is not yet available but the transition from Greta Sorvik to Stephanie Conzet is underway. Anita Block has agreed to help orient Stephanie into treasurer role, as she served in the past. The discussion of increasing the donation to Mille Lacs Health System this year has been tabled until the treasury report is complete, and Bill Nelson has a chance to make a presentation to the Civic Association.

New Business

Employee of the quarter was delayed due to lack of nominees this month. Please see attached form and send us your nominations! You could also email your vote to Sarah Lancaster at: sarah_navarro09@yahoo.com.

Cyndi Martin has a class of 1st grade authors who have worked very hard writing stories about heroes in our community. Each child picked a local person they identified as a hero within our community and wrote about them. Cyndi has everything ready to send to the publisher, and she would like to order a copy for each of the children, which cost \$25 each. As this is not affordable to many kids, she requested the Civic Association donate \$250 to help pay the costs. Judy requested Cyndi order a couple extra copies of the book for the library, so the local community could enjoy this work as well. Judy Cotter motioned that the civic association donate \$250 for the project. Jenny Ritter seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed.

Onamia Days Planning

Cruising the Byway is the theme for Onamia days this year. Marge says permission to use the Scenic Byway was granted by Steve Dubbs and Jamie Root-Larson, and some details are being worked out with the artist. The button designs this year is simply the byway logo with perhaps a few different font colors to differentiate. Some ideas were hot pink, neon green, and white. Marge is sending the Onamia Day's theme information to the carnival to put on the event posters they provide.

Civic members held vote for Grand Marshall this meeting. The winner will be announced next month.

Nicole reached out to several bands, including Switch, Chad Edwards, and the Mallrats. Currently, we have booked Switch for Friday, June 14, 2019; Chad Edwards for June 15, 2019; and DJ Matt from

Freedom Entertainment for Sunday, June 16, 2019. We have yet to book band for July 3, 2019. Mallrats is being contacted again to check on availability, or we will hire another band ASAP. The idea was broached to a full page ad for Onamia Days in Mille Lacs Messenger at the end of May; however, no final decisions were made at this meeting.

Anita is working on liquor license, gaming license and insurance. She does not anticipate any problems. Judy has obtained health permit for hamburger stand. She will get beverage order soon after the next meeting and order 4 banners from Bernick's so they will be up before the 2019 Fishing Opener. Judy has also agreed to place the beverage order for Onamia Fire Department with the hamburger stand order. Marge is contacting Patti regarding the beer garden information for this year. Josh, Garrett, and Scott are getting parade details in order. Marge is taking care of trash; Greta port-o-potties.

The volunteer search for Onamia Day's activities has begun. Several of the usual activities are planned including the tractor pull for kids; however, this event will require 1 or 2 helpers, usually local teenagers. If you know any altruistic young men or ladies who are willing to help, please send them our way. We also need volunteers for information booth and hamburger stand.

Richard Johnson is taking lead with the Pie booth this year to coordinate between Stacie at Cedarwood and potentially six different organized groups for sports and arts from the school. These groups will work 4-5 hours shifts each to raise money for their cause. Stacie will order the pies for the groups and Richard will be a central representative to ensure smooth transactions of money and pies. The football team is hosting the dunk tank again for their fundraiser, and may participate in the 5K. Mille Lacs Academy is selling Root beer floats for fundraising, and they also volunteered for clean up after the parade.

Jenny Ritter is organizing the 5K. She is talking to Nobel wear soon about T-shirt design and will get the order it soon. She plans on having usual admission fee \$15 for pre-admission and \$20 for day of the event. In addition, she will have student discount fee for \$5 and a group rate (TBD) for groups of 5 or more. Sarah and Jenny are also organizing the sidewalk sales.

Little Miss & Gents is planned for this year, head by Shantell Hopkins and Shannon Brandt. Marge is contacting Jackie Giddings with the women's VFW about the kiddie parade. Details of medallion hunt and coin hunt are being investigated. Jenny will make contact with the bank. The second annual horse shoe tournament is currently being planned; however, a concern about low turnout was addressed by Cyndi Martin. The plan so far is to also advertise with local bars and clubs to try and get more folks involved.

The idea of having some fun with a short "cruising main street" in cars (like the 50s) in line with our theme Cruising the Byway; however, nobody had a clear vision of how this would work at this time. Please share any ideas you may have with the board.

City map and ATV sign planning continue.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is 7PM on April 8, 2019 at City Hall. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully Submitted by Judy Cotter, OACA Secretary