



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMITTEE: Oneida County Fair Planning Team

PLACE: ZOOM Meeting w/Myles Alexander as Host

DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 2020

TIME: 6:00 pm

Members Present: Fred Andrist, Meg Sprecksel, Theresa Seabloom, Bill Freudenberg, Cheryl Salzman, Jim Perlberg, Tim White, Jean Platek, Jim Winkler, Amanda Colón, Kerry Bloedorn, Bonnie Breivogel,

Absent:

Excused:

Others Present: Tom Barnett, Myles Alexander, Merry Lehner, Bonnie Tillman

MINUTES:

1. **Call to Order and President's Announcements:** President Fred Andrist called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting was properly posted.
2. **Approve Agenda for Today's Meeting:** A motion was made by Winkler/Perlberg to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. **Date(s) of Future Meetings:** Tuesday, June 2 and July 7, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
4. **Accept Minutes of April 21, 2020:** The minutes of April 21st were accepted.
5. **President's Report:**
 - a. **Pioneer Park Contract:** Andrist will continue discussing this with Bob Mott.
 - b. **Executive Committee Action:** It was announced that the Executive Committee would meet between regular meetings to better prepare items to discuss and be voted on by the full Committee in an effort to speed things up.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. **Approve Current Expenses.** A motion was made by Platek/Colón to pay the monthly wages and refund \$275 to various vendors who paid for 2020 contracts. Motion carried.
 - b. **Budgeting Update & Review 2020 Budget:** Sprecksel reported a balance of \$10,610.99. Nothing new was discussed regarding the Fair Budget, except to advise that no charges were to be made without Committee approval.
 - c. **Saving Money:** Freudenberg emphasized the importance of trying not to spend.
7. **CUW Committee Rep Report:** No report. Winkler explained the Oversight Committee did not meet in April.
8. **Fair Coordinator Report:**

- a. **Written Report:** Barnett pointed out his activities the past month:
 - i. Looking into grants available.
 - ii. Touched base with vendors and media regarding the cancellation of the 2020 Fair.
 - iii. Checked on trolley storage options.
 - iv. Discussed with Dominos Pizza regarding possible financial support.
 - v. Reached out to facilities to encourage seniors about exhibiting at the Fair.
 - vi. Met with Colón/Salzman to help design a job description for Exhibit Court duties.
 - vii. Discussed possibilities of how to help bring horses back to the Fair.
 - viii. Talked with Jerry Shidell to bring the Hodag presentation back.
 - ix. Explained to the Committee the donation of two very old Hodag Fair flags and metal ticket boxes from a Rhinelander homeowner.
- b. **Virtual Fair Ideas:** Barnett suggested proceeding with a Virtual Fair Subcommittee (Barnett, Sprecksel, Colon, Freudenberg, Bloedorn) to create ideas to present to the Committee going forward with planning. Some ideas are the Kilt Contest and possibly doing something with woodcarving by Potlicker.

9. Fair Issues:

- a. **Participant Survey:** It was suggested Alexander present a draft with questions for the Committee.
- b. **Fundraising Plan:** Barnett has met for future plans with business owners who have previously helped the Fair in doing fundraising. They have agreed to help us again once the Covid-19 situation allows.

10. Fair Future Direction:

- a. **LLC/501c3 Status:** Attorney William Bennett will attend the next meeting to discuss this.

11. Strategic Planning: The Committee will review and update pertaining to importance and timing.

12. Old Business: None.

13. Public Comments: Barnett has found the decision to cancel the Fair is regarded by the public to be a responsible one.

15. Items to be included on Next Agenda: Minocqua Carnival, 501c3 Status, Fundraising, Virtual Fair Ideas, others.

16. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Seabloom, Secretary

Signed by President _____

Or Vice President _____