

SCA February 11th, 2019 Minutes

The Sterling Community Association met at 7pm on Monday, February 11th, 2019 at the community center. In attendance were: Marissa Lempka, John Keizer, Dan Fraley, Lauren Weyers, Kristie Thies, Chris Lafferty, Mary Lafferty, Julie Saathoff, Kelly Huls, Mandy Goracke, Becky McAuliffe, Brian Helmberg, and Omer Kuhlmann. Marissa called the meeting to order. The Secretary's report from last month was written by Kelly and read by Mandy Terry read the Treasures report. Julie made a motion to approve the minutes and Terry seconded the motion.

Old Business –

In regards to the new community building, the building committee provided some updated information on the estimated costs to get the engineering stamps on the plans. We are waiting to get finalization from Voss Engineering on the footings, but estimate that to be around \$1500. Geary Engineering (unsure on spelling) has provided quotes for \$3800 for mechanical, \$3800 for electrical, and \$1800 for plumbing. Given these matters must be taken care of before we can proceed with building construction and the quotes were reasonable, Terry made a motion to approve the estimates for the stamps and Julie seconded the motion. The board voted with all in favor of proceeding.

With regard to Fundraising, the SCA, with the help of Pampered Chef Consultant Julie Saathoff just completed a Pampered Chef Party. Guest Sales at the party were \$1421.75 which equated to an additional \$630 worth of free product that the SCA would receive. This money has been used to purchase kitchen supplies for the new SCA building. We have discussed maybe having another party this summer. Other ideas for grant research are on the table too. John will be attending an upcoming municipalities conference in Lincoln and Mandy is going to reach out to USDA to see what they have available for 2019 grants. Lastly, there is a pool table in the St. Johns Church Parsonage that was previously left to the SCA. We are considering the options of using it somewhere, selling it, or holding a raffle drawing for it. Buyers should be aware that there may be a cost to have a company come in and move it for them.

In terms of maintenance items, Piano Tuning has been discussed and we will look to get that completed in the near future. We discussed reaching out to the music teacher or possibly Dennis Ehmke out of Auburn per the thought from Laurie Saathoff. In addition, there are also several lights in the existing SCA building that will need to be replaced.

New Business –

The report on the Wine and Ale Festival from Becky was that income received was \$1894 from the event. Of this money, \$1530 came from 54 silent auction items that were sold. Most auction items were donated or paid for through the use of a \$250 Thrivent Funds Scholarship. We have discussed giving the Fire hall a monetary donation to thank them for the use of their building for the event. The Ladies Auxiliary also reported having an excellent turn out with their food sales as well.

We have scheduled the Pitch Tournament Card Party for Saturday March 9th. We are looking into confirming a location for this event and will also start the process to secure the liquor license. This will likely be organized by Jake Weyers, Sandy Weyers and Luke Boldt like last year. The Ladies Auxillary will also be interested in selling food at this event as well.

Alumni Basketball has been scheduled and teams have started to sign up, 5 so far. This is being held on March 16th and coordinated by Zach Lempka.

The Bowling Tournament has been schedule for Saturday March 30th and is being coordinated by Roy. There was some discussion of changing the date, but based on what is available at the bowling alley and trying not to get into spring, this may be the only option.

Sterling Picnic Preparation is also now underway. Chris and Mary Lafferty and Brian Helmborg came to discuss what the future of the Car Show would look like. Chris and Mary, as Laffman Hot Rod Garage have been running this event the past couple of years as the primary sponsor of the event with proceeds going back to the Sterling Skills Program. They had inherited this show and the corresponding checking account from Ruth. There were discussions of the Skills program taking it over or just simply moving it to the SCA in general to take over as part of the Sterling Picnic. One factor in this consideration was that the SCA and the Car Show were both asking many of the same businesses for donations to the weekend festivities. This Skills kids are still interested in volunteering their times and resources with the Sterling Picnic to help to help raise money for their program no matter how this moves forward. This will help support them in also going to State and Nationals. We would like to create a sign up sheet for hours and create some accountability for the kids as well. Other items for the picnic weekend include starting the search for a band for the street dance. We'll also check with the Southeast Nebraska Community Band to make sure we can secure them for music during the chicken feed. Laurie Saathoff was going to work on this.

Last on the agenda was a discussion to update the Scholarship Application forms for senior students which was tabled and continued to be discussed in the future.

Julie motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded.

NEXT SCA MEETING: Monday March 11th at 7:00 p.m.

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