

LIFT Board of Directors
March 6 2019 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Domeika

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Amanda Murphy.

All board members were present excluding Sherry Beckman and Mike Laughlin

Guests : Peg Carlavato, Raymond Colombo and Henry Antonini

Guest Henry Antonini approached the board regarding rental of the LIFT Office for his private practice pending the sale of the building he currently practices in. Henry stated he would be willing to redo the hardwood floors, repair the second bathroom and change out the outside lighting at his own expense. He is interested in renting the building until his retirement which is not definite at this time. He also stated that he would be changing the locks on the front door and the office due to client confidentiality. The board held discussion at the end of the meeting to and it was voted by a 9-1 vote to allow Henry to rent the building.

February Secretary minutes were read by Adria. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Brittany 2nd. Minutes approved

Treasurer's report distributed and read by Lynell. Barry made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Brittany 2nd. Report approved

Bills -

Duke

Little House Light - \$9.64

Water - \$33.06

Alarmex - \$40

Barry made a motion to pay the bills. Stephanie seconded. Bills paid

Discussion was had regarding a CD we currently have with First Financial that will mature on March 9 2019. The CD is worth \$744. Amanda made a motion to cash out the CD and Adele Seconded. The CD will cashed out and deposited into the general LIFT fund at this time.

Wine Garden Repair Bids -

MSI submitted a bid to completely rebuild the wine gardens for \$44,000, we do not have this in writing.

Sycamore Renovation submitted a bid of \$4500.00 for just the necessary repair work. Amanda made a motion to accept the bid from Sycamore Renovation with Brittany making the second. Motion carried pending receipt of money from the apartment fund to complete the repair work.

Website Bids -

JNC2 Design submitted a bid of \$550 for just running the website.

Joe McCracken submitted a bid of \$280 for just running the website and an additional bid of \$500 for website maintenance and mobile applications.

Adria made the motion to accept just the website bid of \$280 from Joe McCracken. Barry made a second. Motion carried.

Mowing Bids -

Aryn Sueter submitted a bid for \$600/month

Peebles submitted a bid of \$255/week

Custom Lawn Care submitted a bid for \$175/week

Jennifer brought up the idea to contact a local Eagle Scout group as they need community service hours to complete their Eagle Scout. Barry mentioned the board completing all lawn care needs themselves. Brittany brought up using trustees or citizens on probation needing community service hours to maintain LIFT properties.

Amanda made a motion to table the mowing bid until the April meeting pending the results of what everyone finds out regarding their perspective suggestions. Barry seconded. Mowing bids tabled.

Port A Pot Rental

DIY Rental submitted a bid of \$1177 for 10 port a pots

Amanda made a motion to use DIY's pots. Brittany seconded. Motion carried to use the DIY pots.

Fireworks -

Mike Domeika brought up discussion to not have any fireworks to close the festival this year. The unpredictable weather and lack of downtown capacity outweigh the cost of the fireworks. Lynell made a motion to do away with the fireworks this year. Don seconded. Motion carried

Under the Vines June 22nd

3 bands have shown interest in performing at Under the Vines

CHS Daze - \$500

Stampeed - \$500

Pix and Stix - \$500

Kenny stated that Finney would be willing to help the board out with the sandblasting/painting of the 4 Seasons Fountain at no cost if CHS Daze were to be booked for Under the Vines. Kenny made a motion for CHS Daze. Don seconded.

Lynell is meeting with a potential vendor regarding food for Under the Vines this Saturday. This vendor is new to us and has expressed interest in joining the festival on Water St this year as well.

Clean up days set for April 26th and 27th. Discussion about some of South Vermillion's National Honor Society members coming to help clean out the Wine Garden basement on the 27th was had and possibly some other organizations from South Vermillion as well. Reminder the bricks need moved from behind the barn as well so we can start construction on the steps at the back of the craft.

Rosemary Kent expressed interest in renting the wine garden on August 24th for an anniversary party. Brittany and Mike D have agreed to sit if the contract is signed. Amanda will send her the contract and report back to the board next meeting.

Mike D, Brittany and Lynell met with members from the Lions Club regarding concerns they have about the hours of the festival and manning their salami/cheese wheel booth as well as the profit they are making during festival. The board discussed that if the Lions' Club should happen to pull from festival grounds there would be no ill feelings or talk about them as well as the salami cheese wheel would no longer be a protected item and should they choose to return to the grounds they would not be thrown back into the prime location. Amanda will be getting a letter to Barry regarding the Lions Club cooking for Media Dinner as well.

Barry would like the board to consider going back to the use of Tokens at the Wine Garden this year. Lynell stated the board has spent \$1600 over 3 years on tickets for the wine garden and we currently have 5500 tokens on hand ready for use and could at most spend \$612 for an additional 3000 tokens. Lynell will also be visiting TJ Haase Winery and asking for the any tokens they may have collected at their establishment. Brittany made a motion to switch back to tokens, Amanda made the second. Motion carried.

Mike D added to the list of committee chairs.

Laura Russell – parade

Holly Kanizer – royalty reception

Brad Maclaren – Grounds crew

Media Dinner – Amanda Murphy and Lynell Mccracken

Trip to Italy – Amanda Murphy

Lynell suggested selling Trip to Italy tickets in the information booth and using the past Re and Reginas and Grape Queens as well as the Italian Singers. Lynell will be talking to the Italian Singers at the end of the month.

Brittany has been contacted by several vendors regarding the 12 hour days of the festival. Several vendors have stated that 12 hours is just to much and after 9 pm they typically have no business. Brittany would like to change the hours on Water St from 11-11 to 11-9. Amanda made the motion to change hours Stephanie seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting April 3rd at 7 p.m.

Barry made a motion to adjourn. Kenny second. Meeting adjourned