



**Versailles Community Betterment
Bi-monthly Board Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Morgan County Library**

1. Call to Order - 6:00 p.m. Attendees included Chuck Pryor, Jacquie Brewer, Ellen Conrad, Becky Callaghan Elva Clark and Amy Siler.
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer – Jacquie led the group in prayer.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Amy notes that she will visit with Alison to update some accounting related to Community Partners’ Week (CPW). Approval of Treasurer’s report tabled.
4. Review and Approval of July 26, 2021 Minutes - Jacquie moves to accept the Minutes; second by Elva; Motion Carries (MC)
5. New Business
 - a. **Plaque Committee:** Jacquie related the updates as Talesha Fowler is unable to attend tonight’s meeting. Talesha is trying to connect with the new history teacher at Versailles High School. Additional resources might include David Marriott and Carol Jones. Two students want to proceed with three businesses. They have checked on plaques at Kidwell Garber and will be able to purchase several plaques. The committee is looking into a walking tour app.
 - b. **Courthouse speakers/music on the square:** Jacquie attended the Commissioner meeting today and reports that Tim Petty of TCS has installed the east/west speakers which the county commissioners are purchasing. As a result, VCB will be refunded the \$807 approved for this purchase. The City will go to the Commissioners for approval of the \$39.95/month subscription; the City wants to sign the contract. JT Gerlt will help with the set-up of the music selections. The speakers consist of two small white speakers on each side of the building for a total of eight. The big black ones are non-functional and can be removed. Discussion re: funding the music for a three-year contract. Chuck proposes VCB paying for the music for two years and the City for one year. VCB’s contribution would be \$39.95/month for 24 months for a total of \$958.50. Amy makes a motion to fund the music for two years; Elva seconds; MC.
 - c. **VCB bank debit card and expenditures requiring Board approval:** The reason this has come up is that Tara Grantham, as part of the Empowered Women’s Group, is looking to purchase an item online and needs a debit card. Alison Pensy has indicated that the Chamber has one. Becky Samson at the Bank of Versailles indicates this is an option for the accounts. Discussion about options. Proposal for the following:
 - i. Establish two debit cards for each account: 1) VCB account 2) Empowered Women account. Alison and Jacquie will hold the debit cards.
 - ii. A single signature will be required on checks going forward (currently two Board member’s signatures are required).
 - iii. No Board approval required for expenditures of less than \$100. Any expenditure of \$100 or more requires Board approval.Elva makes a motion to accept the proposal; Amy seconds; MC.
6. Sub-committee Reports
 - a. Fund Raising, Elva Clark – Elva reports that the preparations for the October 29th auction are going well. She requests that all Board members provide 2-3 pies and deliver them to the auction site at 4:00 p.m. or later. Elva will need help on 10/28 @ 9:00 a.m. Mary Ella Zimmerman will be the head of the kitchen. Elva has already received multiple generous corporate donations totaling \$3,820. The Fund-Raising Committee will meet on October 20 @ 9:00 a.m. at Cindy Davenport’s residence for final planning.

- b. Residential Beautification, Amy Siler – Amy reports that she has completed the budget. Of the \$2,270, they came in \$356 under budget. She notes that when referencing this initiative, it's much more than 3MT – it's Community Partner Week. Next meeting: November 8 @ 7:00 @ Library
 - c. Commercial Beautification, Becky Callaghan – The mural committee is working on ideas. The apple sculpture committee is exploring possible locations.
- 7. Other business
 - a. Amy suggests another membership drive in February, 2022.
 - b. Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) is having a meeting in Warrensburg.
 - c. No Apple Festival booth this year.
 - d. Elva will need funds for advertising the Auction – will be less than \$100.
- 8. Next meeting date – November 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Morgan County Library.
- 9. Adjourn – Jacquie moves to adjourn; Amy seconds. Meeting adjourned.