



Versailles Community Betterment - Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.
Versailles City Hall

- 1) Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Prayer – Elva Clark
- 4) Members Present:
 - a) Chuck Pryor, Jacquie Brewer, Jaime Wright, Amy Siler, Aubrey Schrader, Elva Clark, Tony Coons
- 5) Minutes: Corrections and Approval – March 25, 2019 meeting
 - a) Elva adds to minutes: Fish fry net profit = \$4,171.00
 - b) Motion to accept: Amy; Second: Jaime
- 6) Treasurer’s Report
 - a) Discussion
 - b) Motion to Accept: Jaime; Second: Elva
- 7) Introduction of Guests
 - a) No guests tonight due to scope of agenda.
- 8) New Business
 - a) Liability insurance is due: \$1196.00
 - i) Motion to pay insurance premium: Amy; Second: Aubrey
 - b) Discuss assisting/partnering with Love Light Ministry
 - i) Proposal: Provide up to \$120/month to support lodging at Western Hills. Queen: \$50; Two queens: \$60; King: \$52.
 - ii) Motion to support Love Light Ministry housing needs: Aubrey; Second: Jaime
 - iii) Discussion: Does not carry over month-to-month. Amount over \$120 would require an email vote by the Board.
 - c) Missouri Community Betterment membership
 - i) Jacquie presented an overview of the membership benefits as described by Teresa Snyder. The Fall Conference held on October 13-14, 2019 in Mexico, Missouri is sponsored by Commerce Bank. The registration fee down to \$75 for adult and \$50 for youth. The conference will feature a “Town Square Fair” with booths from each member community showcasing the activities they have completed or are pursuing. The Spring Conference partners with 4H and will be March 6-8, 2020. It is called Youth Civic Leadership Summit. There will be awards recognizing progress (MAP=Measuring and Awarding Progress).
 - ii) All members receive access to the website to review all projects from 2006 to present. <http://www.mocommunitybetterment.com/>
 - iii) Motion to pursue membership for one year: Amy; Second: Jaime
 - d) Discuss purchasing trash cans and inserts for the City of Versailles
 - i) Chuck presented the three quotes that have been received. Each supplier provides a quantity discount for three or more. Jacquie presented a source for rectangular poly insert liners. Placement and possible redistribution will be determined in partnership with the City and business owners.
 - ii) Motion to accept bid from Rick Davenport for three trash cans for \$3,015.12 (which includes powdercoating) and insert liners for up to \$300: Aubrey; Second: Elva.
 - e) Discuss VERSAILLES mural maintenance
 - i) Pending Agreement with artist.
 - f) Discuss adding new committee: Grant Writing
 - i) Aubrey and Amy have been working on grants and have identified a need for a cross-functional team that will support VCB grant writing efforts. Anne Black will serve as an advisor with additional members as follows: Carol Jones, Rita Sandy, Courtney Carpio, Nicole Whitfield, Cathy Daniels (Aubrey to contact for interest as Cathy wrote grant for

- benches).
- i) Motion to create Grant Writing Subcommittee with Aubrey and Amy as Co-Chairs: Tony; Second: Jaime
- 9) Old Business
- a) None
- 10) Sub-committee Reports
- a) Residential Beautification - Amy Siler
 - i) Little Apple Contest – 4'x4' apple cut out of plywood. Participants pay an entry fee, decorate it and are entered into a contest. Winner displayed at Chamber of Commerce and other entries displayed in area businesses during Apple Festival. Requesting \$300 to cover materials and advertising. Motion: Amy; Second: Aubrey
 - ii) Residential Betterment Award – Dave Gardner organizing; a focus on exterior improvement. Monthly drawing and publicized in newspaper.
 - iii) Home Tour – Barb Salzman exploring. Jaime suggested contacting Jason Vansell to explore idea of historic homes.
 - iv) Tool drive – Tony organizing; obtaining tools to use during 3MT. Tony requests \$73 to cover cost of advertising. Motion: Amy; Second Tony
 - v) 3MT Week – Amy explained a change to “Community Partner Week” to reflect the scope., working with host churches and volunteers. Ten service agreements so far; five of those are for house painting. Amy suggests highlighting the impact, for example, a home was sold due to the improvements made. Request for up to \$500 to cover supplies needed. Motion: Amy; Second: Jacquie
 - vi) Courtney Carpio is getting together with Elva to work on a Fall fundraiser.
 - vii) Amy requests an update to the website. Amy to send verbiage and Jaime will update. A high school student is interested in assisting to learn more about website maintenance. Jacquie to facilitate introduction.
 - viii) Next meeting: June 10
 - b) Fundraising - Elva Clark
 - i) Ice Cream Social results: \$651 in ice cream, \$86 in donations; 70 items donated and auctioned by Tony Stephens; Capital Region Hospital, Burgers, Versailles Livestock Auction donations. Co-Mo Electric and Clinic Pharmacy were sponsors. Net profit of \$5600.08
 - ii) Committee sent thank you notes and received positive feedback.
 - iii) Planning for October 18 auction at Show Me Auction Barn. Start asking your friends and family for “vintage” and “antique” gently used items to donate for auction. Many people are “downsizing” these days so it would be a good opportunity to obtain merchandise for auction. Elva will partner with Courtney. Chuck recommends making the fundraiser highlight a specific cause that the money goes to, for example, painting a house, building a ramp, etc. Testimonials are powerful. Also, go to the VCB sponsor businesses and ask if there’s anything we can do for them.
 - c) Youth Services - Tony Coons
 - i) Movies in the Park – Need to replace sound system for \$487.99 and stands for \$77.71 = \$565.70. Licensing for three movies from Criterion Pictures totals \$775 and for two movies from Swank Motion Pictures is \$830. Co-Mo has donated \$1,000 and will market Co-Mo Connect services at the event. They will also bring their bucket truck. June advertising is also covered. Requesting \$2,277 to cover described expenses. Motion: Tony; Second: Amy.
 - d) Commercial Beautification - Aubrey Schrader
 - i) Aubrey thanked Tony for all the work on Front Door/Back Door clean-up. Sub-committee will provide input on bench placement. Becky Callahan is preparing to paint Andrew Hardwick’s door and sidelights. Next meeting is June 10 at Square Deals.
 - ii) New Grant Writing sub-committee will meet on June 4 at the Fire House (tentative). Looking for cross-functional team members to join. Have already worked on Home Depot grant. Chuck shared that Ann recommends looking at Dollar General small community grants.
- 11) Other business
- i) Jacquie requests reimbursement for \$32.50 for aprons for the Ice Cream Social. Motion:

Jaime; Second: Elva.

ii) Jaime will send Movies in the Park flyer to Ellen for distribution to membership

12) Next meeting date: July 29, 2019; City Hall

13) Motion to Adjourn: Jaime; Second: Elva