



**Versailles Community Betterment
Bi-monthly Board Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Morgan County Library**

1. Call to Order - 6:00 p.m. Attendees included Chuck Pryor, Jacquie Brewer, Alison Pensy, Ellen Conrad, Elva Clark, Amy Siler, Becky Callaghan, Tony Coons, Jaime Wright, Ann Black, and Leslie Mooney.
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer – Amy led the group in prayer.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Jaimie moves to accept the Treasurer’s Report; second by Elva; Motion Carries (MC)
4. Review and Approval of May 24, 2021 Minutes – Elva moves to accept the Minutes; second by Tony; MC
5. New Business
 - a. Jacquie requests the purchase of a roll of stamps. No motion submitted for approval.
 - b. Jacquie clarifies expenses for Courthouse sound system. \$800→\$807.08. \$216→\$239.70 for six months. Elva motions to approve; Tony seconds; MC.
6. Sub-committee Reports
 - a. Fund Raising, Elva Clark – Elva reported the results of the Ice Cream Social held on Sunday, June 27th. The weather played a part in a reduced profit from last year. INCOME: \$4,583.00; EXPENSES: \$108.99; NET PROFIT: \$4,474.01. October 29 is the grilled chicken event. Dinner starts at 4:00 p.m. and auction between 5:00-5:30. Be sure to stay for the auction. Contact Elva to donate items for the auction. Planning for 2022 is underway: the fish fry in the spring and a “longest table” event in the fall, with grilled chicken and Mary Ella Zimmerman cooking sides.
 - i. **Next meeting: early September @ 9:00 at Love Light Coffee House**
 - b. Residential Beautification, Amy Siler – Amy reports results from a successful Community Partners Week. Per Amy: *We had 7 VCB volunteers, 23 individual labor volunteers, 4 tradesmen, 12 businesses, 7 churches, 543 hours plus 47 3MT missionaries both youth and adults as our partners this season. The value of hours by volunteers, discounts and donations comes to \$19,882.86. I find this particularly impressive because we had a shorter 3MT week by one day but they were a mighty force at the local level. And we had 2-1/2 days of rain out of the four. On the rainy days they cleaned one church top to bottom, cleaned out, sorted, reorganized and hauled off junk from two large storage rooms in one church, packed 50 give away tackle boxes for Edgars Outdoor, straightened shelves at Quality Thrift Shop and took over Food for Morgan County- got so much done in 90 minutes that they were asked not to come back after lunch! In total with all of the partners we able to: paint 2 houses, 2 sheds, 1 garage; cleared 2 property fence lines one of which was a huge property, hauled junk from three properties, mowed and did yard work at 2 properties, window and door threshold repairs, sliding door track repair and a kitchen subfloor repair at a discounted rate is being completed. In addition to this list of accomplishments we were able to beef up our tool stock and purchase a power washer at a reduced rate. We power washed four properties this year and several properties over the years with borrowed equipment so the power washer is a welcome addition.*
 - i. **Next meeting: TBD @ the Library.**
 - c. Commercial Beautification, Becky Callaghan – The group is looking into murals and plaques.
 - i. **Next meeting: TBD**

- d. Youth Services – Tony Coons. The June movie had technical difficulties due to a hot extension cord. July was rained out. August 14 will be “Napoleon Dynamite” which will be \$275 for rental and \$48 for the newspaper ad. The September movie will be sponsored by Co-Mo. Elva asked how many attended the event; Jaime estimated thirty (30). Tony points out that they need members. Jacquie suggests referring to the lists obtained from the membership drive (pre-COVID). Amy also has a pool of candidates. The Boy Scouts from Eldon are looking for projects.

- i. **Next meeting: TBD**

- e. Grant Writing, needs Chair.

7. Other business

- a. The Morgan County Caring for Kids Coalition (MCCCKC) is hosting their event on August 7th. Amy motions that VCB donate \$250; Elva seconds; MC.
- b. This is Jaime’s last meeting as she is moving to Kirksville. She will put all the art files on a thumb drive. The group thanks her for her contributions. She noted that the movie equipment will need a climate-controlled storage location.
- c. Leslie asks if the Chamber of Commerce could display our banner in their office to increase visibility of VCB. Chuck will follow-up.
- d. Becky asks if the sub-committees could publish their events in the Club News section of the newspaper. Jacquie asks if Ellen sends VCB minutes to Bryan. Ellen emails the VCB Board minutes to Nicole Whitfield (nicolewhitfield@gmail.com) for posting on the website. All sub-committees are encouraged to do the same. Recent pictures of events are also welcome.
- e. Elva described a possible event for July 2022. A large group (~500) of bike riders would come to the area and race around Mennonite country. They would camp out and stop at different locations. The City of Versailles and Chamber of Commerce would be good partners. More details to come.

8. Next meeting date – September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Morgan County Library.

9. Adjourn – Jacquie moves to adjourn; Tony seconds. Meeting adjourned.