

Friends of New Troy Membership Meeting June 10, 2021

President: Terry Hanover

Vice President: Vickie Petroff

Secretary: Marlene Newmiller

Treasurer: Rebecca Gloe

Directors: Jenny Gabbard, Al Nuti, Julie Steinberg Morton, Katie Harrington, Elizabeth Nuti

Called to order at 7:14pm.

In attendance Terry Hanover, Vickie Petroff, Aubrey Taylor, Ben Taylor, Katy Harrington, Lorraine Hanover, Mark Newmiller and Marlene Newmiller

May meeting notes approved as presented. Agenda approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Public Relations: Vickie- Facebook updated everything but added the market survey, parade, Jon's memorial and the new market design. On the website updated the meeting notes, membership page, events page, FoNT market and added a classes page. Do we add classes, redirect them to their page or? Lorraine- it would be the responsibility of the person renting to create their own information or flyer. Ben- or have them pay us to have us advertise for us on the website. Vickie- more specifically do we want to promote our events like the Strawberry Social and not yoga? Terry- I am seeing we could say that it is happening, like on the calendar, but to promote it they would need to pay. Lorraine- it can be more, in addition to the rent. Also spell out who is hosting the event. Katy- if it is something they are charging admission to then they pay more. Vickie- When I took over the website it had a list of the people renting space, like a directory. Terry- A directory of renters.

Library: Terry- we would like to recreate the library. Lorraine is going to handle this. We need to clean the palate and see what the community really needs in a library. Strategic planning session- a 5 year plan. A similar meeting took a couple hours. Invitations were sent out. Shared with FoNT newsletter. Lorraine- no ideas will be thrown out. Story hour well attended. People use computers. Books do not get checked out often. Are they even relevant anymore? Terry will facilitate the meeting as he has experience.

Membership: Terry- Becky is not here. Membership Perks. Vickie- on our market survey we asked if you would be interested in a discount for being a member. 6 out of 8 said yes. Terry- we could also give discounts off movies. Katy- maybe rentals. Vickie- perks will encourage people to become members. Terry- we have talked about this many times but never acted on it. Vickie- determine discounts on a case by case event basis. Terry- can we agree this is a good idea? Motion approved.

Facilities and Grounds/President's Report: The park is being expanded. The trailblazers support the park development. We are trying to create a trail around the marsh. Trailblazers want to stop logging. Township has decided not to let logging occur. Trailblazers joined the parks committee and some township board members to start clearing the trail. An area called the ruins, we worked 4-5 hours clearing out trash. We will have another work day to create

bridges across the streams. We also set plans at that meeting to agree to work toward a grant as a township with a list of things to do to develop the park. We are working together again to do some great things. Jon Haman had a memorial here last Saturday. Jon was a great contributor to the community. He was honored here by us and the Masonics from Three Oaks. On 5/22 we also had the Acorn event and they cleaned up well and paid rent. Lorraine- Ollie has worked hard on the front of the building on the flowers. Ollie made a proposal that the evergreen bushes along the front be pulled out. Terry- the first group looks nice but the second looks bad. Get a bid or two to get them replaced with the ones that are appealing. Ask our groundskeeper, Kenny, for a bid. Curb appeal is important in our town. Vickie- can we redo the sign. Terry- I have a bid from our local signmaker to do this, it has been approved. Vickie can add her logo to the sign. Lorraine- I noticed that the gazebo garden is overgrown. We are having the Strawberry Social on the weekend of July 4. We need to have a work day to clean this up. Saturday June 26 at 10:00am.. Terry has been approached to have the gazebo re-done. Also do something with the boiler room door, it is ugly. Electricity will be run to the gazebo. Katie- I would like to observe this.

Historical: Mike- here is a picture of Glendora on the computer background. Terry- what year? Early 1900s? Mike I think around the turn of the century, there was a horse and buggy. One more picture of Glendora to share. An airplane going over.

Rentals: Vickie- I created a new rental agreement. We can go through it and amend if needed and approve. Lorraine- it looks good to me. Mike- I am in favor of it. Marlene - update ample time to post events on the sign to a specific time. Agreement is approved.

Newsletter: Announce work day. Last month I sent out emails for the market survey, Jon's memorial and our library meeting. Need info on the volunteers and Strawberry Social. Sunday after the 4th of July. July 11th.

Fundraisers: Aubrey- We are proposing Fridays 4-8 once a month for now. We did a survey and research and contacted some vendors who may not be aware of our market to get a mix of farm items along with traditional flea items. We would like to contact Classic Catering to do a taco night. Terry- Silly Sausages also is local. Aubrey- keep as local as possible. Have local music as well, games. Vendors would be up front. If it rains we will move to the gym. Flow from the outside to the gym to the back. We would like to try to have beer. Terry- Scott Vines has a car show here on Thursdays, maybe we can mesh them together. Terry- Alcohol- insurance prohibits this. Aubrey- what if they provide insurance. Terry- that should be OK. We can't promote BYOB but if people bring their own we won't stop them Aubrey \$15 a booth, with membership \$12. Table \$5 if needed. Terry- when to start. Aubrey- end of July, we were hoping you could make an introduction to Classic Catering. Vickie is working on a logo. Vickie will ask Lorraine for help with the promotion. Go through September, maybe October. Vickie- Janice will donate her over-flow to the market. Terry- in the past we had handouts to pass out- at events. Vickie- have a larger banner and then use the local parks bulletin board with flyers. Avoid yard signs. Terry- we can also put it on the sign. Vickie- for the banner I can cut vinyl dates. Vickie- can we have funds for signs if needed. Terry- Yes. We may need to wait for Becky.

Website: See Public Relations.

New Business: Vickie- Code of Conduct. I would like to put together a committee to create a code of conduct. These are our expectations of behavior. For volunteers, people regularly in the building, permanent renter, not a one time renter. Terry- who would like to volunteer. Terry will join. Vickie will ask Elizabeth to join the committee. Aubrey- do you want the vendors to sign? Vickie- those would be individuals.

Unfinished business: Terry- is it time to open again. Katie- do we have staff? Vickie- since we waited this long we should wait until July 1 when the restrictions are lifted. This also gives us time to put everything we have been talking about in place. Terry- we should know by then if Wendy is coming back. Lorraine- I can draft a letter to all the librarians (that have an email address)

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Next meeting Wednesday July 14, 2021 at 7:00pm.