

Friends of New Troy Membership Meeting Oct 13 , 2021
Call to Order 7:01pm

ROLL CALL

President: Terry Hanover -present

Vice President: Vickie Petroff -present

Secretary: Marlene Newmiller -present

Treasurer: Rebecca Gloe -absent

Directors: Jenny Gabbard- absent, Al Nuti-absent, Julie Steinberg Morton- present on Zoom, Katie Harrington- present, Elizabeth Nuti -absent

GUESTS: Aubrey Beck, Ben Taylor, Mike Metz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Added "Sign" under new business

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved as presented

TREASURER'S REPORT: Filed for audit. Terry- Climbing back up again. Farmers market, race and Apple Cider Century brought in and are bringing in money.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Terry- Weesaw Trailblazers helped the township build a new bridge, second bridge built in November, 5 year park plan meeting is on October 20th. The plan can be viewed online or at the township hall. After the plan is approved we can work toward a grant. Helen Loch passed away, her family gave a donation to the Friends of New Troy. Lorraine came up with the idea to say: We will miss you Helen and rest in peace in Polish on the sign. Vickie's graduation from grant writing class.

RENTALS: Vickie Petroff-status quo right now. Elizabeth will add classes back in December. She is taking a break in November. Screen and projector, could we offer this to the public? We would have to have a member of Friends run the equipment. After discussion it was decided the projector and screen will not be offered publicly but if someone asks, yes. We will have a PTO meeting at the center.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND WEB SITE: Vickie Petroff- Website: everything is updated for the market and the tickets are on sale for food. Story hour and library hours. Lorraine- I got an email from the website that we received a donation but it does not say how much. Vickie- they can pay through paypal or send in a check. This one is a pledge for a donation. Katie- maybe an icon on the site. Lorraine - radio station suggested FoNT host a celebration of life next summer. Market posts were seen by almost a thousand people. Red Arrow Roasters saw the food pantry post and brought some coffee to donate. Aubrey wrote the press release for this month's market. Vickie is very grateful for all that help.

LIBRARY: Jenny Gabbard, Lorraine, Library renovation committee - Lorraine- All I can say right now is that the committee has put off the next meeting until after the race. Vickie saw some little ones at Story Hour this week. Terry took a picture of Story Hour.

MEMBERSHIP: Becky- No report

FACILITIES & GROUNDS : Terry- Lights are done in the Museum room. Changed to LED. Quite bright. Progress is being made. Terry is looking for volunteers interested in history. Pete (Katie's husband may be interested) Terry- have him come at 10 am on Saturday. Lorraine had the idea that lights would be nice for the next market. Terry and Lorraine have some edison bulbs we can use. We will have to set them up ahead of time. Hang from the corner of the building to the telephone pole. Katie- should we run electric extension cords and tell the vendors they can bring their own lights. Yes. We will try to find them tonight and see how bright they are.

HISTORICAL: Mike Metz - ebay school picture for \$25 from the north looking south and the other is a street view. Postcard show in Grand Rapids this Saturday. Let Mike know if you are interested in more information. Anything on paper, not just postcards. Katie- Have you been to Kalamazoo? They do two a year for the SW Michigan area. Ben is interested in the show and Mike provided the event details

NEWSLETTER: Marlene Newmiller - newsletter to go out Saturday. We will feature the race, the market, Story Hour, thank you to Apple Cider Century volunteers, and coat drive.

FUNDRAISERS : Market committee (lighting)- trying to make it fall festive with extra activities, Vickie- Dinges will donate 20 pumpkins, cider we can get 12 gallons for \$80 do we want to sell or give it away. Lorraine- give it to kids, sell it to adults. Motion approved for \$80. Do we want to have someone to manage the events? Yes. Lorraine instead of Font table has the fall celebration table. Meijer turned us down for the donation for paint for the pumpkin decorating. We have aprons for the kids to use. Paints markers, stickers for the pumpkins. Lorraine and Vickie have some paint to donate. Katie- have something on the table for Helen's memorial. Terry-We will have that on the sign. Raceway catering will be doing the food. We will be selling tickets again for food. Marlene will reach out to Corvette Central to see if they will do something. Music-two acts this time. Ron Spears asked for payment since he did three of the markets this year. Terry we could offer \$75. Katie- maybe give it to him as a thank you card and Terry in the form of a check. Terry will ask Becky for a check.

Run to the Center of the World- We have 58 registrations. Ben- Have we let racers know about Weechick? Not yet. It will be in the pictures. Volunteers are lined up. The shirts are being printed. Timing app and timing clock. The road will be marked soon, depending on the weather.

Apple Cider Century report: Terry: It was a success again this year. Mike: thank you everyone who volunteered. Can you put a thank you in the newsletter. Marlene: yes.

NEW BUSINESS: Coat drive Lorraine- if people wear masks we will be safe to have the coat drive. Vickie- we can contact the Harris Family Farm and see if they would donate again. Lorraine- We need hats, coats, gloves we will take no clothes. Vickie- ask on the Market page for coat donations.

Sign- as discussed above, we will put on a message regarding Helen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADJOURN: 8:04 pm

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Nov 10 , 2021at 7:00pm