

FRIENDS OF NEW TROY: MINUTES

The regular membership meeting of the Friends of New Troy was called to order on January 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Officers present were: Terry Hanover, Vickie Petroff, Linda, Julie Steinberg Morton, Katie Harrington, Becky Gloe, and Marlene Newmiller. Lorraine Hanover and Mike Metz were also present.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Minutes: Minutes unavailable for review.

Treasurer's Report: Becky - We had a nice response from the membership drive. \$640 plus \$1325 in donations, including \$300 for a changing station for the bathrooms.

President's Report: Terry - New Troy is quiet these days.

Rentals: Vickie - Per Michigan's Covid guidelines group classes are allowed to return with social distancing and masks. We will gather the rental committee within the next two weeks to discuss. Mike - lifting restrictions doesn't mean we don't have to sanitize. Vickie - the committee will discuss how to open safely.

Public Relations: Lorraine - Thank you letters sent for donation of children's books to the library. Maybe the author can do a reading later. Everything else is on Facebook. Santa's visit was in the newspaper. We also have a tribute to Jon Haman. Vickie has done some beautiful posts and photos on Facebook.

Library: Vickie - the St. Joe library is offering WiFi by appointment, maybe we can do something like this for our regular visitors like James. We won't leave the door unlocked, just let the person in. Terry - How will we get the word out? Vickie - a sign by the door with Vickie's phone number as a contact or a sign up sheet. We could escort them to the room to limit contact and sanitize after. Lorraine - We could require 24 hours notice with a time window like we do at the showroom with a limit of 2 people at a time. Vickie - We could offer structured times in the building and their visit would need to be in that window. Lorraine - We will require masks in the building. Terry - I can help out too. Mike - I am concerned with kids walking around the building. Lorraine - The library is in need of a cleaning. Vickie - I have dusted the games and cleaned the community room and entryway. This week I can bring a shop vac and clean the library up. Lorraine - Whenever someone is in the library we should crack a window to make it safer. Motion to make this change is approved. Linda - I will put a flyer in James' door.

Membership: Terry - Thank you Becky for keeping the membership drive alive year after year. You do this and do not get thanked enough. Thank you for all that you do. Becky - I sent out 80 requests and got 25% back. An email campaign was made as well, combining the current

membership list with the newsletter list. Lorraine - I have created an email list on Mail Chimp. We can use that. It is free and works well. Becky - we can reach out to other non-members, racers etx to expand our base. Lorraine- We can add these to the list we have

Facilities and Grounds: Terry - Going good but we still need to take down the Christmas decorations. If anyone wants to help we will do this on Saturday at 10:00am.

Grants and Donations: Terry - Sam Zimmerman donated \$300 for baby changing stations. Terry will get prices on buying the stations and installing them and the mirrors. He will report back with a price next month.

Historical: Mike - showed some photos from his computer

Newsletter: Marlene - This month's newsletter will contain a tribute to Jon Haman and information on the sledding event.

Website: Vickie - Paypal has been set up on the website. Terry - Can they buy movies? Vickie - Yes and they can also rent a digital version of the movies. The website also has news on the pandemic order and the sledding event. I will add information on the Wifi by appointment.. We can also set up a website subscription to get emails.

Events: Sledding this Saturday 1/16 at 1:00pm unless there is no snow, then it will be delayed one week. Hot chocolate will be served, bring your own sled. Masks must be worn. Gary Lang wants an all class reunion on July 10 and give tours of the community center from 4:00pm-6:00pm on that day. We can decide later when we determine if it will be safe or not. Mike could give a presentation if they want.

Unfinished Business: Vickie - I have left a message for Ollie but not heard back. I will try again tomorrow. If we do not hear back we can do a storyteller of the week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm. The next meeting will take place on February 10,2021 at 7:00pm.