

Friends of New Troy Minutes July

Called to order at 7:02pm on Wednesday, July 14,2021.

In attendance: Terry Hanover, Mike Metz, Marlene Newmiller, Lorraine Hanover, Jenny Gabbart, Vickie Petroff, Becky Gloe, Elizabeth Nuti and Mark Newmiller and Jackie.

Agenda and notes approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Terry- We are in the black. Becky- We brought in quite a few donations, one from one of Jon Hamen's kids, public donation from the Acorn,a donation match from Aubrey's employer, and rental money also came in. Mowing and mulch were our expenses.

President's Report: Terry-Working toward a grant and five year plan for the township parks. Jack Dodd is part of the committee. The trailblazers are meeting soon to discuss a work day for building bridges.

Rentals: Terry- good job of keeping us alive this month. Vickie-August 21 gym is reserved for a baby shower, Elizabeth is back in business, on Fridays, Saturdays and Tuesdays. Redoing the rental page and the rental agreement.Terry- the fireman would like to hold their pancake meal on a Sunday. The fire chief gave a donation at the Strawberry Social.

Public Relations: Vickie-Market page on Facebook reached over 10,000 people. Lots of posts on the Friends of New Troy page. Picture to thank Sue and Elizabeth Nuti for their work. Announcement for the community clean up. Announced Taco Sales, Meet Up Eat Up, FoNT Market, Independence Day closure,welcomed the RV reunion and the Strawberry Social. I have been trying to update the bulletin board often. The website has been overhauled. Lorraine- It is beautiful. I sent the art for the banner for the FoNT Market to ArtFX.Vickie- I want to create a volunteer page for the website.

Library: Jenny- Safe deposit money is short. Lorraine- there is a note in there from the chili cookoff, we needed change. Jenny- should I put the taco presale money in there? Becky-No. Lorraine- give it to someone on the market committee. Terry- we have a new printer up and running. It is running on two computers. The computers have been updated. We hope to have the printer running on all three computers soon. Advantage Accounting donated the copy machine. The Center of the World Woodshop donated the printers. Lorraine- A planning session for the library was held. We had three participants.

Vision: Strengthen community through enriching experiences.

Mission: Offer educational and enriching programming and technology for all ages.

Strengths: Volunteers, story hour, Wifi, local history collection, FoNT merchandising, attracts visitors, consistent presence, and local author collection

Weaknesses: Books, DVDs, broken Toys, has become a dumping ground, not enough volunteers, no coordinator, untrained librarians and an aging facility.

Opportunities: Training and protocol for librarians, grants, age appropriate learning stations, remove most books, curated book collection, speakers, book clubs, local author readings, writing workshops, book budget, information technologies coordinator and renovate facility.

Threats- Volunteer lapses, limited budget.

Strategic Priorities- Library committee and coordinator, redesign/rename room, budget, grants, renovate room, curate book collection, programming.

First step is forming a library committee and choosing a coordinator. Information book - Librarian's information book has instructions and forms. Back in full swing except Friday evenings. Vickie has been covering Tuesday mornings.

Membership: Becky- One new member that also donated on top of her fee in honor of Elizabeth Nuti's yoga classes.

Facilities and Grounds: Terry- thanks to everyone who showed up for the work day. It was a great success. Special thanks to Ollie Rosenthal for all her work on the outside of the building by awarding her the volunteer of the season award. Lorraine will take a picture, Vickie will make a card. We will also have a certificate of appreciation.

Historical: Mike - I spent a lot of time sharing history with those who attended the Strawberry Social. Terry- Jackie is with us because she is interested in history and assisting with the history room. We would like to get the room ready to be a local historical room and would like to put out a call to people to participate. Terry- I have a woodworking bench and ancient tools I can donate if you think it is a decent idea. Lorraine- I like the idea of a local history museum. Mike- my concern is being able to display and have it. Could we do both the classroom and museum. Lorraine- absolutely. Vickie- do this as a project similar to the library. Terry, Mike and Jackie will form the initial committee.

Newsletter: Marlene- The newsletter went out for June. July will focus on the FoNT Market and asking for games, vendors and participants. Next up focus on the Run to the Center of the World.

Run to the Center: Marlene: Committee Meeting on Monday 7/19/2021 at 5:30pm.

Strawberry Social: Terry- great success. We had lots of people sign up for tacos. Thank you to the Boyd family for this event. Thanks Lorraine for taking pictures and sending a card to the family.

FoNT Market: Vickie- still looking for a band. Lots of taco presales. Classic Catering will do the July market. Maybe the October one too. Jackie knows a caterer that could do hamburgers and hot dogs. Elizabeth can DJ.

Website: Terry- Thanks Vickie for making the website so professional.

New Business: Vickie- Katy is interested in creating a committee to bring programs such as bike repair to the center. Lorraine- Katy is also interested in doing cooking classes in conjunction with the mobile food pantry. Vickie- can we take the covers off the gym windows. Terry- yes.

Adjourned at 8:04pm The next meeting will be at 7:00pm Wednesday, August 11, 2021.