

FRIENDS OF NEW TROY: MINUTES

The regular membership meeting of the Friends of New Troy was called to order on March 10, 2021 at 7:04 pm.

Officers present were: Terry Hanover, Vickie Petroff, Katy Harington and Marlene Newmiller. Lorraine Hanover and Mike Metz were also present.

Treasurer's Report--Terry: The electric bill is high? How can we reduce it? Are we on a plan? Should we install solar? I will look into this. We received \$86 this month from Amazon Smile, a donation for \$185 dollars and a donation of \$1,000 from James Jasper.

President's Report-- Terry: Nothing to report.

Rentals-- Vickie: The committee has had 2 meetings. We have read and decided to wait until the mandates expire. We addressed issues such as cleaning the building, putting cameras in the building, escrow deposits for recurring renters, taking inventory and checking the custodian's closet. Mike found a couple of cameras so we can check video to see if the cleaning has been done. Mike: We can get a system for \$600-\$800 with a central hub that can be accessed on the internet. Two cameras for the hallway, one pointing each direction, one for the gym, one for the library and one for each room. Anyone who has the password can view the video. These are wireless, anything cheaper will be wired. Terry: What will the total cost be? Mike: What is our price range? Terry: \$600-\$800. Mike: Can John run electric? Terry: No. Mike: Question on power: most are motion sensor. Maybe we can get battery powered. Katy: I have a Costco account, I can check their website. Mike: I have already checked Costco, I have an account. The ones we need from there are over \$1,000. Katy: I see on their website a system for \$400 with 8 channels and 6 cameras. Terry: \$600 is reasonable but if the system is better we could go up to \$1000 depending on the quality and ease of use. It will be a one time cost. Mike: I will do some more research. The biggest concerns are the quality of the picture and how it is powered. Vickie: We can have another meeting to discuss before the next FoNT meeting. Mike: We also need to discuss cleaning and Michigan restrictions and who is responsible for Covid tracking. Lorraine: Every guest should be required to leave a name and phone number.

Public Relations-- Lorraine: Things are changing with public relations. Vickie started an Instagram account and has been posting on social media and has the talent to do presentations. Vickie is doing the work and now has the title of public relations chair. Lorraine will still help. Vickie: I have posted some pictures of the kitty on the trail.

Library: Terry: Still in a stall.

Membership-- Terry: We received \$70.

Facility/Grounds-- Terry: The flowers are complete. The bathrooms need to be cleaned. Everything is looking good.

Grants-- Terry: Nothing new.

Historical-- Mike: The Minnich pictures contain some good ones of the bridge. Question for Terry to answer later on where some of the roads are. Mike showed some photos of the bridge and roads.

Newsletter-- Marlene: Nothing much for the newsletter. If anyone has anything for it let me know.

Run to the Center of the World-- Lorraine: I have been the race director for the past nine years. Marlene has now accepted the position.

Website-- Terry: I went online and watched a movie. Our website is great. Should we lessen the charge of \$15 for the movies? Mike: Is that the price of the DVD? Terry: Yes. Mike: I would reduce the price online as the DVD can be passed on. \$10 or less sounds fair and maybe it would get some word of mouth going and generate more sales. Vickie: We can always run a special for say \$10. Mike: What about the other movies. Vickie: I am going to add them in. Mike: Then we can promote them too. Vickie: Updated the splash page with a spring theme. Updated the news page with the latest Michigan Covid guidelines. What do we think about archiving our meeting notes on the website? Mike: The Township does this now. Vickie: We can also invite the community to the Zoom meetings through the website. Mike: What about putting up a slideshow of old pictures to view on the website for a donation? Terry: I will think about it.

New Business: Terry: The legion wondered if they can use the sign to promote their fish fry and hamburger night now that they are holding them again. Mike: I am fine with that if we don't have anything going on. Lorraine: Just for now or will the request be ongoing? Vickie: I think we should help them out and point the community toward events that are happening now. The request was approved.

Lorraine: Sandra Thomas from the Acorn Theater contacted us. The Acorn has survived by having pop-up concerts, they announce the event and sell tickets but do not reveal the location until the night before. She is looking for new venues and one of them is the Community Center garden. It will be a small crowd for a Saturday or Sunday in May, maybe 100 people. We would need to open the bathrooms but the Acorn will do the rest. Do they have to pay? (Current rental costs are \$50 for the gym for two hours, plus a \$50 security deposit, the gazebo costs \$50 per hour). We would need to charge them a bathroom cleaning fee. Mike: Do the people attending the concert have to pay? If so then so should the Acorn. Lorraine: Would \$200 be fair? Mike: What are they charging for tickets? Terry: This is a promotion for us as a non-profit. We should give a fair price. Vickie: \$100 plus bathroom cleaning seems fair. Lorraine: The bathrooms will cost \$50-\$60 to clean, she will not just come for the gym bathrooms. Terry and Vickie will clean the bathrooms after for \$30. Mike: put the tables across the gym to block it. Lorraine: Sandra will enforce any rules we set up. Mike: We should set up a standard price for non-profits. Vickie: We can discuss this at our next committee meeting, but for now \$130 seems fair and \$30 off if they

clean the bathrooms themselves. Lorraine: Are any days in May off limits? Vickie: We don't have any rental inquiries for May, so no.

Unfinished business-- Terry: Can we put on the sign that the library is open by appointment only. Vickie: I can only do the library on Mondays and Tuesdays now. Terry: Lorraine and I can also help, I will send you our availability but it will probably be Lorraine on Thursdays from 5:00pm-7:00pm and Terry on Saturdays from 10:00am-12:00pm. Vickie: We will have 24 hours notice if we are needed to open the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm. The next meeting will take place on April 14, 2021 at 7:00pm.