

The regular membership meeting of the Friends of New Troy was called to order on April 14, 2021 at 7:05 pm.

Officers present were: Terry Hanover, Vickie Petroff, Julie Steinberg Morton, Katie Harrington, Jenny Gabbard. Lorraine Hanover, Mike Metz, and Aubree Beck and Ben Taylor were also present.

Agenda

Agenda was approved with addition of three events under New Business.

Treasurer's Report

Not given.

President's Report

Terry: Introduced guests, Aubree Beck and Ben Taylor, who moved to New Troy in September and want to become involved in FONT. Ben works in logistics technology, Aubree is project manager with a pharmaceutical company. They were welcomed.

Rentals

Terry: Michigan is still in a bad way with Covid. We should delay reopening. Vickie: I will get Rental Committee together to determine a cleaning fee and write a new rental agreement. Terry: Will set up a meeting with Mike.

Public Relations

Vickie: Redid kiosk to clarify current policy and upcoming events. Lorraine sent thank you letter to contributor for local history collection

Library

Jenny: Work schedule is changing and expects to be able to return for more meetings

Membership

No report

Facilities and Grounds

Terry: Got bid from Glass Doctor to replace window in entrance. Would cost \$603, tempered glass, 1/4" thick. Lorraine: installed? Terry: Yes. Vickie: We can get out word and seek donations. Several in attendance offered to contribute.

Katie: Attempted to clean janitor's closet but is daunting. Afraid to toss anything. Can we schedule a time for a few people to help? Terry, Vickie, Julie agreed to meet Friday at 10:30 am. Katie and Lorraine can also help for a little while.

Terry: turned off furnace. Katie and Vickie: temperature is comfortable

Historical

Terry: approximately 75 year old New Troy High School marching band cape was donated by Mildred Dolezel. Crown donated by 1968 Miss New Troy, Donna Brick.

Newsletter: No report

Race

Vickie: 10th race this year. Should we highlight the milestone. All agreed. Vickie will develop the artwork. She has already discussed design with Marlene.

Website

Vickie: Changed the splash page to add Wifi by appointment. Also added Great Sawyer Train Wreck movie and has begun archiving FONT meeting minutes. Aubree: Is membership available online? Vickie: Not yet but I can add. Will discuss further on Friday

New Business

Lorraine: Lynn Haman is planning a memorial service and celebration of life for Jon on Saturday, June 5. Service will be held at Masonic Lodge in Three Oaks at 11:00 am, followed by luncheon at Community Center, catered by Brett Boyd/Classic Catering. Lynn reserved kitchen and gym, requested a place be set for Jon with his portrait at the place. All FONT members invited. Announce in newsletter and on FONT and Flea Market Facebook pages.

Terry: Acorn Theatre accepted our terms for a May 22 concert in the Gazebo Garden. Will also need access to bathrooms in gym. Boyd family has offered to do some landscaping around the gazebo.

Terry: Strawberry Social will be hosted by Boyd Family and catered by Classic Catering on July 11. To allow social distancing, Brett will erect two tents if necessary.

Unfinished Business:

Mike: haven't been able to research camera information yet. Will present next month.

Mike: need to revisit parking lot. Township has put money in a budget for their share, and are waiting for us to come up with other half. Will probably cost about \$40,000. Terry: Gary Somers told me a lot more. Mike: We just need a statement to start fundraising. Terry: We need a bid first first. Can't fundraise an unknown amount. Will talk to Gary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm. The next meeting will take place on May 12, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Hanover