

FRIENDS OF NEW TROY: MINUTES

The regular membership meeting of the Friends of New Troy was called to order on February 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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

Agenda: Added Covid information and trustee nomination to new business.

Minutes: Approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Becky - Not as good news as last month. We had to pay some bills. We received \$22 for t-shirts and cards. Paid \$1200 for the boiler, paid two months of garbage pickup and insurance. Brought in \$800 for rentals. Ten members renewed their FoNT membership and gave donations. - 1961.22 for February. Mike- This does not bother me as it is February. Report filed for audit.

President's Report: Terry- Thanks to all that helped take down the Christmas decorations, Linda, Kevin, Katy and others. We also got rid of some of the decorations we did not need. Peggy Fanning is doing the sign for us and will take suggestions.

Rentals: Vickie -The committee will meet next Wednesday at 6:00pm on Zoom.

Public Relations: Lorraine - Vickie promoted the sledding party. A photo of a sled lending library was posted on Facebook if anyone would like to build us one. Also posted a picture of Meijer's covid poster.

Library: Lorraine- Two authors have donated their books to the library. Vickie- WiFi by appointment is ready but we need to discuss dates. Vickie has discussed virtual story hour with Ollie. If Ollie is comfortable with it she will come to the library with Vickie to record these. Mike-we could put the library appointment information on the sign.

Membership: Becky - 10 or 11 more memberships have come in.

Facilities and Grounds: Terry- The community service lad is stripping the floor in the gym and waxing the hallway. I had to buy more stripper, wax sealer and rented a machine. Cost was over \$100. I am belatedly asking for permission to spend \$200 to clean the gym and hallway. Mike- I move to allow \$300-\$500 for maintenance. If over \$500 then we need to discuss. Motion approved. Terry- I picked out a baby changing station for \$200. Including the labor to install it and the mirrors would be \$560 to \$600. Mike- Don't we have a donation of \$300 for the baby changing station. This would make it only \$300. Motion to spend \$300 for the installation was approved.

Historical: Mike - same old same old. Terry- Gary Lange shared some Minnich Farm photos. Terry has the photos on a stick, there are about 250 photos. Terry will give the stick to Mike. Mike- are these pictures of the original farm. Terry- yes. Mike also has some photos of this farm.

Newsletter: Marlene - Subject for February's newsletter will contain an invitation to send donations for the baby changing station, information on vaccines, library hours and building improvements when this information is shared.

Website: Vickie - Redesigned the donation page and added a subscription button. We can collect email addresses from the subscribers. The splash page still indicates the center is closed. We are encouraging people to sled and hike the trails. A storefront with video by demand has been created. Charge for the video is \$15.

Fundraisers: Apple Cider Century - Mike- I got a call from Brian. The ride will go on with changes. Masks will be mandatory. Social distancing will be enforced. All food will be bagged. They will not let people grab and go with the food, the volunteers will put it on plates and serve them. Off duty police will enforce the rules.

Run to the Center of the World- Marlene- Race committee will meet soon.

Sound Bath Virtual Fundraiser- Elizabeth has offered to hold a sound bath. Keep in mind for now, Elizabeth will get back with Terry on details.

New Business: Linda- Sherri Konoski is willing to help people with scheduling Covid 19 vaccines. She helped a neighbor with no internet or idea how to schedule and can do this for others in the community. If Sherri can give us a list of days and times she is available we can put it in the newsletter, the sign or list a phone number to call to speak to her. Julie will also help out. Terry will text everyone to be sure we are all on the same page. Linda provided her cell number if needed 312-513-7612. Mike- can they call her and give her their information? Vickie- a simple solution would be to provide time slots to come in or call. Vickie- we can get word out through Meals on Wheels and the River Valley Senior Center. Katy- I have emailed the Berrien County Health Department to use the center as a vaccination site, no reply yet. Julie- Kroger's in LaPorte has plenty of appointments. Mike - I am still waiting on mine.

Nomination of Elizabeth Nuti as a new trustee. Approved.

Unfinished Business: Recycling Event- for tires and electronics. Mike- July may be too early. Vickie- when do we need to confirm. Terry- by March. Linda- it should be safe if we are outside and people are spaced. This saves hundreds of tires. Julie- what does the event involve? Terry- I will share the information. Mike- I think we should apply for the grant anyway, Berrien County cancelled it last year and could again this year. Terry- I think there is enough interest to start the process, I will share the information with Julie and Linda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm. The next meeting will take place on March 10,2021 at 7:00pm.

