

MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Attending: Elaine Brazelton, JoAnn Adamson, Bob Fontana, Lyn Van De Pol, Carmine Boal, JoEllen Nervig, Jim Nervig, Lois O' Donnell, Terry Adamson, Asa Hutton, Sue Hutton Davidson, Norman Mc Cleary, Edie Cornwell, LeRoy Cornwell, Janet Willey, Jim Brazelton, Joe Pitts, Alexa Middleton and Rosemary Hutton Taylor

Co-President JoAnn Adamson brought the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. She had everyone in the room introduce themselves.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 22, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Elaine Brazelton and 2nd by JoEllen Nervig to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's monthly report (August 16 thru September 20, 2023), along with Balance Sheet ending September 20, 2023 and the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement (January 1 – September 20, 2023) were reviewed. See attached sheets. Motioned by Asa Hutton, 2nd by Sue Hutton Davidson to approve report. Motion carried.

Office Manager's Report: See attached sheet.

- Lois O'Donnell reviewed the Office Manager's report due to Sandy being absent.
- Lois also reported that new tables were bought with Bravo money.

New Business:

- A. Lois reported on purchasing window film for the barn. She got two bids. The bid was for all windows and west doors on the 1st floor. One was more expensive than the other. It was a heavier film. A motion by Carmine Boal and seconded by JoEllen Nervig to purchase the film and take the money out of the Bravo Grant 2023 fund. Motion carried.
- B. "Emerging Leaders Program" tour – JoEllen Nervig, Lois O'Donnell, Karla Kasper, JoAnn Adamson, and Carmine Boal were present to give the tour. They had 40 – 50 in attendance.
- C. 2nd graders from East Elementary will be touring on Thursday, September 28 in the morning for one hour. Asa Hutton, Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Lois O'Donnell, JoAnn Adamson and Margie Law will be doing the tour.
- D. Rosemary Hutton Taylor suggested if a cemetery tour is done to consider Oralabor since many of Ankeny notable citizens are buried there.
- E. JoAnn Adamson reported that the light by the sign is in need of repair. She contacted Dennis Guernsey to repair it.
- F. JoAnn Adamson also spoke to Ankeny Police about all the litter in the parking lot left by students. The police will periodically check the parking lot.

Old Business:

- A. Pumpkins – Elaine Brazelton reported that about 60 pumpkins with name or logo etched on them were delivered to businesses. JoEllen Nervig reported that they have made over \$2600. Elaine also reported that they will be at Pumpkin and Pints and planning to have some pumpkins for the Uptown Garage pumpkin contest. Thank you to Asa Hutton, Sue Hutton Davidson, Linda, Tom Quinlin and grandson for helping.

- B. Board membership progress – Carmine Boal and Sue Hutton Davidson reported that they have contacted people to serve on the board. Nominations will be presented at the October meeting with election at the November meeting.
- C. Foundation Progress – Jim Nervig, Sue Davidson, and Lois O’Donnell attended a meeting with Bill Walljasper, Rob Logan and Don Zuck. Some options on how to invest the money were looked at.
- D. Ankeny’s Sesquicentennial (2025) Progress was given by JoAnn Adamson. A video is being made and Terry and JoAnn Adamson have generously paid for this. Thanks Terry and JoAnn. JoAnn Adamson, Lois O’Donnell, Rick Hermann, Ron Sampson, Jeff Segin and Melissa Cox of the chamber are on the committee. There will be a chicken barbeque at the AMP. Pre-paid tickets will be sold and HyVee will be doing the catering. Planning on an open house at the museums and hoping that Neveln will also be open. Historical floats have been discussed.
- E. Video and/or volunteer training - Lois O’Donnell is hoping to do this in October.
- F. Fall & Winter Uptown Events - Alexa from Uptown reported on activities going on in Uptown. Pumpkins and Pints is from 4-8pm on October 7th. The Brazelton’s and Adamson’s have volunteered to help with this. Jim Brazelton has grown some mini pumpkins for Trunk or Treat. Donation of candy is requested. We will be located by Porch Light and please come in costume. Halloween in Uptown will have DJ, Pirate Ship Ride and much more. Champagne & Mistletoe will be November 10th from 5-8pm with horse drawn carriage. Our parking lot is a planned place for the carriage to turn around. December 8th is Miracle on 3rd Street with Santa. There will be a snow machine.
- G. Jim Brazelton has made stands for the Ankeny Area Historical banners.
- H. JoAnn Adamson asked about getting some gift cards or cash and giving to Dan Battani for mowing and weed eating. A motion by Joe Pitts and 2nd by Sue Hutton Davidson to get 2 or 3 gift cards for \$300 to give to Dan. Motion carried.

Future, Long-term Projects: -

- A. Uptown Main Street America effort (historical data, stuff) & bike trail enhancements (historical stuff??)
- B. Partnering with “The District” officials for signage honoring former land owners – this is a project that John Stratton is pursuing.
- C. Partnering for events: Bingo night at the Legion Hall, Ankeny Trivia night, park picnic, food trucks, etc. JoAnn Adamson said to wait till January to discuss these.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Pitts, 2nd by Terry Adamson. Motion passed.

Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Secretary