

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:** Julie N., Megan O., Alicea P., Barb M., Pam A., Derek T., Mariel W., Pam A., Jill E.

**GALA RECAP** – Was a success! There were 171 attendees. We had a total net income of \$22,910.04 from the event. One live event had all the proceeds going to the pickleball courts – we are hoping to get a picture with the winner. Brief discussion about future gala ideas.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** – Starts at 10am at Lion’s Park. We have some high school volunteers from Barb/MSM and a few others from Jenny, as well as some board members/family. Pam A. may have a bunny costume we could borrow for the event. Eggs will be sorted and randomized and ready to go.

**LUCKY CHARM DAY/ROCK PAINTING/50424 DAY** – Rock painting was a huge success!!! Discussed doing it again, perhaps at 50424 Day and doing a scavenger hunt as part of Bison Days. 50424 Day now includes a scavenger hunt, citywide garage sales, fire department dinner, ornament sales, cakewalk. Still looking for a scavenger hunt prize.

**GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP/GRANT IDEAS** – The workshop went well. There were 21 participants. Speaker provided some great information and participants seemed to find it informative. Slides from the presentation are available.

**BOARD MEMBERS/JENNY (SECRETARY)** – Jenny has resigned from the board. Mariel will do meeting minutes, etc. We will continue to look for new board members and would love to have representation from Lakota, Rake, and Thompson.

**PARTNERSHIPS WITH LAKOTA, RAKE, THOMPSON** – Extend appreciation for Jill and Pam from Lakota and Jule from Thompson for attending tonight’s meeting. Potential grant ideas – basketball court improvements (painted lines, hoops, backboards, nets – for three hoops) in Thompson, and street banners in Lakota (and potentially in Buffalo Center). Will follow-up with Lakota and Thompson on grant applications/ideas.

**BISON DAYS** – Food and market vendors are being contacted. Kid’s pedal pull is confirmed. Looking for a face painter and researching inflatables/foam/other ideas for kid zone. Mariel will make a post for volunteers and set up a planning meeting in the next couple weeks. The Historical Society will be doing a Historical Homes Tour on Sunday afternoon of Bison Days (more details forthcoming). OFL will be doing a carshow on Sunday and would like sponsors (we will help to find).

**SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS** – Syd and Hannah are working on a sand volleyball league. It would be Thursday nights from June to August with a possible end of summer tournament, co-ed teams, entry for each team would be \$120, NIB would get funds. A estimate for a net was provided (\$323). Sand and labor would be donated for court improvements prior to start. Mariel will contact city for approval to make improvements.

**NEW IDEAS:**

- Monthly Lunch & Learns – Discussed having local businesses/organizations/individuals host monthly/regularly Lunch and Learns. They would likely be held at Heritage Town Center. The business would provide lunch and the speaker with topic of their choice. We will send out a survey to see what kind of interest there would be on attending and presenting, how often, etc.
- Assist with fundraising for the new clinic in BC – May be opportunities for NIB to do some fundraising for the new clinic who is looking for money by June before they will commit to filling the clinic.

**TABLES/CHAIRS** – A new table and some chairs will be purchased from BC hardware to replace the deteriorating table in the NIB office.

**NEXT MEETING APRIL 22 6PM AT NIB OFFICE**