

NORTH IOWA BETTERMENT MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2014
7:00pm
NIB

Attendees: Jenny Kramersmeier, Susan Embrock, Amy Walk, Alyssa Thompson, Judy Boeckholdts, Matt Duve, Barb Murra, Cory Myer

Treasurer's Report:

Amy reported:

Current Accounts:

Checking: \$9400 (minus football)

Community Club: \$3200

Youth BB: \$4934

Youth FB: \$-2500 (need to deposit from fund-raiser yet and will make positive)

NIB: -1215

*Motioned to pay Alyssa .56 cents/mile for 300 miles for trip for grant class

*Motioned by Matt and Seconded by Amy to now have NIB pay 100% electricity bill

*Amy to contact Pam Yegge to get lawyer who did taxes last year to get a copy of last year's taxes. Amy to contact local lawyer to do NIB taxes for 2014.

Treasurer report approved and seconded.

Director's Report

Holiday Expos:

NIB approved to tell Amber we would take these over. Alyssa to contact Amber Shelton. Find a committee member to run these events. Brings a lot of people to shop in our town, so would be beneficial to keep.

Board Vacancy:

NIB currently has an open vacancy on the board and is looking for a replacement.

NIB Liability Insurance:

\$1600 Lake Mills/Rake quote

\$1200 Central States

Action Item: Alyssa to email insurance quote packets to board for review

Creative Spirits:

March 26 at HTC

Football:

37 volunteers showed up on the 22nd to help make about 480 pizzas. Kids had fun making the pizzas and making the pizza's ran smooth. They used the school commons and kitchen.

They were successful to raise one team's registration cost of \$1700 for next year.

*Was voted to have coaches in charge of football program next year, not NIB. NIB will help coaches with meetings and YSF coordination. Coaches will be responsible for uniforms, concessions, and games.

Grant Glass in Des Moines:

Alyssa reported she learned a lot and it was very beneficial. She was able to be network with 9 other non-profit groups that were also attending the class. She received a lot of information to use to help write grants.

Welcome Folders:

Emi designed a new front sticker for the NIB welcome packet to include all four communities. Alyssa plans to contact the 300 businesses to get information into each packet. NIB plans to provide each community with 5 packets, until more is requested.

Fireworks:

Jason Wubben, fire department, asked if they could use same money donation from NIB as last year, \$5000. They state they need to order fireworks before end of March—prior to the breakfast fund-raiser for the event—to get better deal. At this time, NIB does not have finances to be certain \$5K is doable. We asked fire department to wait until March, so we have a better understanding of our finances for the event.

Easter Brunch:

April 19, 2014. 10:30-12:30

Since Mike Kettwick is no longer on community club or fire department, need to find someone to be in charge of this fund-raiser. Brian Blodgett stopped in during meeting and stated he would take care of the food portion and charge NIB at the store. NIB is responsible for working with Mr. Meyer (FFA) to be the workers.

Application for coaches:

Need to get advertisement for football coaches into paper this week.
Meeting for football coaches for next year is March 19th that they need to attend.
A special board meeting will be held to select the coaches from the applicants.
They are to use the YSF application form for their application to NIB, Alyssa will provide to applicants.

Member Donation Letters:

Plan is to wait until June to ask businesses for their dues, since recent Gala requests. Looking into window clings for members.

**Need to find another board member to help Alyssa with this task.

Girl's Club:

Last month's girl's club went well. There are 8 girls involved.
Theme was: How to be positive.

Gala:

Same dinner as last year (beef/chicken, potatoes, beans, cheesecake)
Going to local bar establishments to purchase alcohol for the event.
Plan is to have harp during dinner and a band after auction for a dance.
Appetizer's will be served prior to the meal.
Photobooth will be available this year.
Board member's asked to be greeters
So far around 70 tickets sold. Are hoping to sell more this week. Deadline is this Friday. Cheerleaders will be servers this year, as DC kids are already done fund-raising due to date change of the Gala.

Grants:

Hanson Grant was pushed to April 1 (tennis courts)

Ribbon Cutting:

Lakota bakery: Date TBD

Bar in Rake: Date TBD

OTHER

Basketball hoops—April tentative time schedule. Working with Redinger.

Easter Egg hunt---need to find someone to look into getting this set up again
Asked Cory to see if we could add a checkbox onto school registration to share address/phone with NIB to send out letters of activities available for their children.

Next meeting: Mar 24th, 7:00pm at the HTC.