

NORTH IOWA BETTERMENT MEETING

Monday, October 28, 2013

7:00pm

HTC

Attendees: Susan Embrock, Amy Walk, Barb Murra, Jeff Johnson, Pam Angstman, Alicea Porter, Emi Wubben, Alyssa Thompson, Matt Duve, Judy and Jerry Wiedemeier, Pam Yegge, Linda Bosma, Jenny Kramersmeier, Cory Myer, Tyann Beenken (late arrival)

Treasurer's Report:

Amy reported:

17,920 in account which includes:

-3400 BB hoops grant

-1249-FB account

-2500-BB account

Community Club portion account has 5007.

Bills outstanding:

-Halloween bills

-Bill for electricity, received from Pam Yegge

Director's Report

1) **Jim Lenz-** was on agenda to talk about Boy Scouts

2) Basketball Hoop Report-

5 BB hoops have arrived. Stored at Murra's Hardware. They provided the hoops tax-exempt, cost was \$2500. They provided the nets for free. Discussion on whether to put up before winter or wait until spring—it was decided to wait until spring.

A group is meeting on Oct 30 at 1:00 to open the hoops to verify all parts, etc are as expected.

Cory Myer said it could be a school project next spring for the kids to put up the hoops and do any alterations needed (welding, etc) to make sure the hoops are put into place correctly. Any expense accrued for this, the school will cover.

At the Buffalo Center city council meeting, it was discussed about what to do with the extra grant money. The city council explained there is a light/electricity issue at the courts. The NIB board discussed and decided to offer the city \$750 to help pay for the electricity/light issue that is currently at the courts. Motion moved by Susan and 2nd by Jerry. The city said the bill to resolve the issue is \$1500. NIB would cover half of the cost, with the city to accrue the other half.

3) Road Runner ribbon cutting

Wednesday, November 20 at 4:00pm

They are also having their Grand Opening that night.

4) Orange's ribbon cutting

Dec-Jan time frame. Ryan Silber will contact Alyssa when the time arrives.

5) Lakota city hall

Amy and Alyssa went to the last city council meeting and introduced and explained NIB. The council was very welcoming and asked many questions.

Alyssa has been working with Amber Shelton for 2 grants for the city of Lakota.

1) Heritage Museum roof is leaking, need grant to replace

2) New city sign, grant due March 1

6) Thank You

Designed thank you cards are done and now available for NIB members to use and thank our many volunteers for their time and efforts.

7) City Council Questionnaire

Alyssa attended city council and found out they are counting the votes from the Questionnaire on Nov 2. Alyssa is planning to be there as the survey affects NIB.

8) Website

Alyssa reported she is updating descriptions and planning to add photos from events. Alyssa stated she has to update the Gala, old fashion Christmas, and Tour of Homes descriptions. Susan is going to help put the paypal donation button for the home page. Alyssa is adding a volunteer page, where we list all the volunteers that have helped NIB.

9) Insurance NIB

Alyssa has checked with several agencies for quotes for NIB board members liability. Central States quotes roughly 1700-2000. Bank Agency, still waiting to hear. State Savings in Rake is looking into more information. Alyssa is also going to contact Winnebago Insurance in Rake. Looking into the possibility of a "group" insurance for non-profit organizations. Alyssa will look into talking with WinnBethco to see if there are any options with that avenue.

10) Events

Alyssa is planning to bring another Creative Spirit paint night to Buffalo Center. She talked about planning to hold a raffle during the event.

Alyssa is looking into planning a "date" night for adults with provided daycare.

Halloween Report:

Adult Party had low attendance due to other events the same weekend. People stated they still desire to have it next year. DJ was from Britt and was enjoyable to make note for future events. Several raffles for door prizes were held. Many businesses provided gift certificates and prizes for the raffle.

It was discussed about working with a local bar to host a Halloween combined effort next year.

Kids Party:

About 96 kids, with over 200 people served for supper. Games, contest and hayride were enjoyed by all.

Discussion of a "haunted house" in future years put on hold for later discussion.

Would there be liability, etc. (?)

Committees:

1) Member Donation letter

Barb reported they are going to table the letter to the beginning of the year.

2) Tour of homes

Alicea reported that no one wants to open their house for the event. It was decided after discussion to change it into a "Tour of Lights".

The committee is to create a map of homes that have lights to be viewed and have designated nights of touring.

3) Basketball

The 5-8th BB tournament is to be held on January 18. Alyssa has emailed surrounding towns of the event and to introduce herself. She has worked with Mark Beenken to help establish the coaches from the past. Alyssa sent a form home with all 5-8 students about joining BB. NIB will look for the coaches, if the students sign up by Nov 4. Alyssa has already had 2 people step forward to coach. It was decided that NIB will pay for 3 tournaments and the home tournament for each team.

4) Girl's club

Alyssa worked with the library to avoid conflict and decided upon the 3rd Wed of each month. Cost will be \$30 and start January 15. With dates to be Jan 15, Feb 12, March 19, April 16, and May 7. It will run from 2:15-5 pm at the HTC. This is offered to 3-5th graders.

5) Ladies night out

16 businesses, Nov 12, 5-7. Gift bag raffle is ready to go. Posters are out, save the date card were handed to business participants, and advertisement will be in the paper for the next 2 weeks. Sandy Bashon also has it on her radio talk show.

6) GALA

Date to be March 8 starting at 6:00pm. Tickets and posters are being created. Save the date business cards are being made and handed out. Theme is leaning towards "Mardi Gras" Plan to keep \$50 per ticket price.

7) Grants

Deadline is Nov 1 for StateLine grant. Going to write a grant to help pay for a blow-up tv screen for Movie Nights. Motioned by Jerry and 2nd by Amy to purchase a blow-up tv screen for \$235 with hopes the grant to offset part of the cost.

8) Thompson Welcome

Alyssa introduced herself to city clerk, Diane. Thompson decided they do not want a metal sign, so they want to put the grant money on hold until they determine what kind of sign they are going to put up. Time limit for grant money is a year, but can ask for an extension.

9) Christmas committee

Dec 14, 9-1pm. Barb stepped down as chair and Linda Bosma and Judy Boeckholt to be co-chairs.

Santa Claus will be at the NIB building. Light contest, ginger bread houses, Elf on the Shelf, etc. Next meeting is Nov 6 at noon at the Driver's Choice.

10) OTHER

NIB is to serve meal at the Jan 12 BB against Lake Mills. Jerry is to chair this event. Meal option has not been set.

Other Discussion:

Alyssa looked into grant writing classes offered at NIACC and Iowa Lakes. Cost is roughly \$300. Alyssa is to get final details, so board can approve Alyssa to attend.

BC Tribune is planning to provide any articles to be run with NIB mentioned through Alyssa first, so NIB is aware of the statements being written.

Matt moved to adjourn, 2nd by Amy.

Next Meeting Nov 25