

NORTH IOWA BETTERMENT MEETING

Monday, April 28, 2014
7:00pm
HTC

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

Treasurer's Report:

Amy reported:

Current Accounts for Jan-April

Checking: \$5111.20

Community Club: \$3031

Youth BB: \$1164

Youth FB: \$1386

Amy provided attachment—see attachment of breakdown.

Treasurer report approved and seconded.

Director's Report

Board Vacancy:

Susan Embrock turned in her resignation. She currently served on the board 3 years. Susan held secretary position. A new secretary will need to be determined.

NIB currently now has 2 open vacancies on the board and is looking for replacements.

Football:

- 23 kids have signed up. Deadline to determine if playing 11 man football versus 8 man football is May 30th.
- \$300 coordinator fee towards NIB. Scholarship money will be from donations.

Baseball:

Discussion of who owns and is responsible for the building on the baseball grounds by the swimming pool park. Alyssa is going to talk to Pam Yegge. NIB is asking Pam to talk to the city about how who “owns the building”, as she was part of the group that built this building.

The youth football approached NIB asking if they could fund-raise with the concession stand. This has always been a DC fund-raiser. NIB will approach the Destination DC group and ask if they plan to use it for a fund-raising event. If it is decided it is not going to be used, then NIB will offer the football program some of the concession nights to fund-raise. Other nights would be used for the baseball program.

Welcome Folders:

¾ of local business have been contacted.

Very positive feedback.

Asked Cory if High School students can help stuff the folders for silver chord hours

Alyssa informed the businesses she will put their business on her calendar of events email to help advertise their business.

Pancake Day:

About 500 plates were taken. \$3795 was raised for fireworks.

\$5000 invoice provided to NIB for purchase of fireworks.

NIB to purchase new Easter bunny outfit for next year

Discussion was held to make professional signs to use yearly at the event in the fire station like is displayed on main street sign.

Discussed having NIB wear same shirt like other volunteers

NIB to do all the front-end work for the event next year and just have firemen, FFA, 4-H volunteer their time.

Use of NIB property:

Could use an example from the school.

Provide a liability form, how much is item worth/replacement value

Display dollar amount for member versus non-member of NIB

Action: Alyssa to start making an inventory list

Website/Facebook:

Alyssa added a new page for NIB photos

NGT donated renewal of website

Action: Alyssa to send thank-you

Basketball Hoops:

Cory explained how the hoops need to have a special part made by Duane School to take on expenses

The home-made bracket is still in-work.

Summer Activities:**Crazy Days:**

July 26.

NIB is not planning on doing anything for this event.

Youth Activities:

Alyssa still trying to purchase a tv for movie night in the park.

Barb mentioned she might have a donor.

NIB plans to host soccer and BB camp this summer.

It was discussed to not have a shirt as part of the package to save cost.

Adult Slow-Pitch:

Discussed making a Facebook “group” for members only

If enough teams, ask Lakota to host every Sunday 2 games

Would play 2 games in BC and 2 games in Lakota.

NIB Kick-off

June 1 in Buffalo Center

Sign up for Adult Slow-Pitch and play some scratch games

Teams to select a Team Captain for POC.

Shirt Competition?

Cost is \$10 per person on the team

Start games on June 8 and end with tournament on July 13

“Business Week”

Discussed having a special night or week for businesses

Advertise in paper to get community involved.

Bring rolls/special item to local businesses to show our support

Committee Breakdown**Member Donations:**

There have been 11 from businesses and 3 public donations thus far.

This money goes towards Halloween, Christmas and July 4th events.

Girl's Club:

Meeting at the school on Friday's due to conflicts with other events.

There are 2 meetings left. Alyssa plans to do a yoga and spa day.

Alyssa has been discussing bullying with the girls.

July 4:

Alyssa applied for the Destination America, which helps pay for fireworks.
NIB will serve meal at the park until 4:30pm
4-8 pm HTC Historical Society cake/coffee/tour.
Jenny mentioned the possibility of future 5K different runs.

Grants:

April/May: Alliant grant (500-5000): "environment"

Alyssa to look into a babysitting class

- Alyssa to check with Carol Peterson from NIACC (Garner)
- Can be up to \$25/child to receive this training.

Alyssa to check with the city about trees for the swimming pool park.

Alyssa to check with the city about cement for the shelter house.

June: John Hanson Grant

Ribbon Cutting:

Lakota bakery: Date TBD

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Dean Swensen said he would help with flowers into the gardeners/benches.
Joe Angstman volunteered to water the plants this summer.

Next meeting: May 26, 7:00pm at the HTC.