

NORTH IOWA BETTERMENT MEETING

Monday, December 16, 2013

7:00pm

HTC

Attendees: Susan Embrock, Amy Walk, Pam Angstman, Alyssa Thompson, Judy and Jerry Wiedemeier, Judy Boeckholt, Matt Duve

Treasurer's Report:

Amy reported:

Adult Halloween party took a loss of \$72.42

Current checking: \$13,969 (includes grants and activity accounts)

BB hoops cost \$145 more than grant: \$2645. Shipping was the factor.

Computer should be arriving this week, Amy hoping to provide a break-down of money groups for next month's meeting

Paid bill to Decker's due to a NET 30 deadline, Alyssa going to be asking

Decker's for a NET 45 due to board approval for bills.

Director's Report

NIB Liability Insurance:

Decided to provide one more week for final insurance bids to arrive for the NIB liability insurance.

Asking Rake for an itemize quote to determine cost differences.

Alyssa is to work with any bands hired in the future, to verify they cover insurance if they have equipment injuries.

Creative Spirits:

Jan 22. Event is on Facebook and is open to sign-up.

HTC charging \$75 to use facility.

Creative Spirits will cover that charge if we get 30 participants.

Could charge participants more to cover the facility charge, if less than 30 participants, but would have to charge at the door.

Looking into using local establishment, Oranges, to avoid charge of facility.

Football:

Added 4th graders (and parents) to do the fund-raising.

So, 4-7th grade parents and students to help sell and make pizzas for Feb 22.

Fundraiser for NIB:

Consider doing a free will donation breakfast: French toast, sausage, egg
Look into for this winter.

Grants:

Alyssa is going to attend grant writing class in Des Moines in February.
Alyssa is still waiting to hear from current grant applications.

Ribbon Cutting:

Lakota is getting a new business, bakery, and have asked for a ribbon cutting.
Plan is for Feb/March time-frame.

Holiday Expo:

Amber Shelton inquired with NIB to take over the 2 events for the town.
Alyssa to ask Amber for more details and decided if NIB were to take this on,
that NIB would keep the fall Expo and work the spring expo into Crazy Days.
Profit could be range of \$300-400.

NIB new hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9-1
Friday: 9-12.
No Wednesdays.

Website/Facebook:

Looking into google pay system versus paypal, as the charge of 2.9/2.2% could be
significant if large donation.
It was decided to leave paypal on until find a better solution.

Committees:**1) Donation Letters**

Received 4 mail-in donations and 1 online.
It cost \$196.66 to mail the letters to the community.
Plan is to go to businesses in Jan-March for their yearly contribution.
\$125 donation is the minimum to be "NIB" members.

2) Tour of Lights

Little turn-out. Several church events going on for the evening and it snowed.
Ones that attended appreciated the maps and the treats.

3) Basketball

Board is to approve coaches

Teams are still coming in

It was brought up if the coaches get a background check. Alyssa is to ask the school how they do the background checks, believe there is a cost associated.

We are not allowed to ask for drug tests.

It was suggested to add to NIB policy that background checks are to be completed prior to being hired to work with the youth, checking into costs.

4) Dinner Fundraiser

Jan 21st. NIB will buy left over Quasiential Sloppy Jo for \$60 and will need 25 more pounds for the event.

Jerry is working out details for schedule and items to bring for the dinner.

5) Girl's Club

Pamphlets to go out this week with 3-5 grade girls.

6) GALA

March 8, no one at meeting to report progress

7) Grants

Still looking into bids for concrete work for the Tennis Court grant for March

8) Old Fashion Christmas

Report will be next month. Donations to food pantry is still continuing, advertise in churches to help bring in more donated items.

OTHER

We did not get the break-away rims for the BB hoops, as the solid rims were lifetime warranty.

WCTA looking into emails, as they are not going out as they should.

Next meeting: Jan 27th 7:00pm due to the holidays.