

## **Minutes Perry Pride Meeting**

**May 2, 2023**

**Meeting Called to Order: 6:30PM**

**Members Present:** Susan Alexander, Willard Epling, Katlyn Farrell, Wes Henning, Paula Hladky, Carl Hobi, Amanda Johnson, Wayne Ledbetter, Rick Moore, Virginia Richards, Kathy Youngquist

**April Meeting Minutes:** Approved by Members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved by Members present.

- Members present approved a \$50 donation to the Perry Lecompton Community Library Summer Reading Program

### **New Business**

**Perry Pride Planters at Local Businesses:** Pat Putnam has purchased the flowers for the local planters and will get these planted.

**Perry Pride Day of Pride:** Scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will do cleanup with the Billtown Go-Getters 4H Club at the Perry Elementary School Learning Garden and pick up trash, if time permits. Scheduled from 10:00am-noon.

**Community Foundation:** Several Perry Pride Members attended a meeting with the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation about the potential to establish a Community Foundation in Perry. Wayne Ledbetter and Kathy Youngquist shared information with Perry Pride. A Community Foundation could benefit Perry Pride through fundraising efforts and would give Perry Pride 501(c)3 status under the Foundation umbrella. All Members present were supportive of Perry Pride being part of the Community Foundation, if established.

**Perry Pride T-Shirts:** Discussion on if Perry Pride would like to purchase additional Perry Pride shirts for giveaways and to be sold as fundraiser. No decision.

**Kansas Pride:** Kansas Pride has rebranded as **Kansas Community Empowerment**. Communities can continue to keep the Pride name. Perry Pride will remain Perry Pride.

**Fall Festival:** We will begin planning at the June Perry Pride Meeting. Discussion about where to place ponies for 2023.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Perry Pride Pocket Museum:** Work is continuing on the "Then and Now" display.

**Delaware River Bridge:** Positive feedback from the community on the restructuring/repair of the bridge. Susan Alexander was able to get signatures and letters from local businesses, residents, employees, and visitors of Perry in support of this project. The County will likely have to cover costs of the project not covered by grants / infrastructure improvement funds. Keep writing letters to County Commissioners, as they are being read and we are gaining support.

**Vision 2030:** Wayne Ledbetter shared that USD 343 has purchased the Highland Community College building. The Perry Lecompton Community Library will be able to stay in their location at the building. Discussions are starting on best use for the building and ideas include after school program, senior center, incubator space for new businesses, and district office moving into building.

Improvements to Railroad Park are coming along. There will be hopscotch, cornhole, wooden train, climbing bridge, climbing boulders, a new entry arch, art totems, tether ball, and ADA port-a-potty. Discussion about planning a dedication when finished. Anticipated completion date is mid-June.

All the equipment has arrived for the Fitness Park and installation has begun.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting:** June 6, 2023 at 6:30pm. Pery Lecompton Community Library.