

Minutes Perry Pride Meeting

December 6, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 pm

Members Present: Bob Brown, Donna Brown, Jennifer Brown, Joel Brown, Megan Cottrell, Willard Epling, Katlyn Farrell, Ramon Gonzalez, Paula Hladky, Carl Hobi, Amanda Johnson, Wayne Ledbetter, Rick Moore, Pat Putnam, Virginia Richards, Christina Scheer, Kathy Youngquist

November Meeting Minutes: Approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report:

Perry Pride received a donation of \$100 from Thomas and Nancy Clark in appreciation of the new postcards featuring the Keith Middlemas monuments.

501c3 Status. Our 501(c)3 Application was not approved because when completing the Application the box "private foundation" was checked and this was not correct. We will need to re-apply on-line and will now need to complete the long application. We do not have the volunteer expertise in our group to do this and will reach out to see if can find a local accountant willing to help. Ron Ellis also suggested contacting County Attorney Josh Ney to ask if he could help with completing this. Members present authorized up to \$1,000 towards cost to have Application completed by outside accountant.

Unfinished Business

Community Visioning/First Impressions/Vision 2030: The Air Walker has been delivered and should be installed by the end of the year! All pipe to be used to build equipment by PLHS students has been delivered. Phase 1: Railroad Park. Includes wooden kid train to play on, 2 steel cornhole sets, art totem, musical equipment, and entry Arch made by Slick Clark Designs! There will be an ADA accessible port-a-potty with pad installed Phase 2 will include natural play area, pickleball court, adding a caboose to the kid train, and landscaping <Prior Meetings: Initial focus will be park project that we began discussing in 2019. Kathy will work on a Summary of First Impressions Report and how this ties in with Vision 2030. Megan will then publish to our Perry Pride Website along with the First Impressions PowerPoint that was provided to us through Kansas Pride. We will hold off on publishing First Impressions Report until we are ready to roll out Walking Trail project. Perry Pride will donate \$5,000 in support towards the project. Vision 2030 (group consists of representation from City, USD343, School Board, Businesses, and Perry Pride) will be breaking into subcommittees: Parks & Recreation – Pat Putnam to lead; Business – Wes Henning to lead; Communications – Kathy Youngquist volunteer. Wayne Ledbetter will attend all meetings. Equipment is backordered for fitness areas on trail – expect delivery in the Fall (at the earliest). Perry Pride has received a grant of \$5,000 through the FreeState Electric Cooperative Round Up Program. This will go toward the Park Project. Perry Pride has received a grant of \$2,000 from Kansas Pride towards this project. The overall project is in very good shape from a financial perspective. Equipment is still on back order. Hope is that concrete will be laid by the end of this year. >

Perry Pride Pocket Museum and History Update: Still in progress. <Prior Meetings: Marie Allen's exhibit is currently on display in the Perry Pride Pocket Museum. Our next exhibit will focus on a photo display including businesses, churches, and schools and will be set up to follow by City of Perry street order. Cristy Bidinger has started a spreadsheet to document things we have in our Perry history collection. The video on Perry History is completed and is available to watch at www.oldjeffersontown.com and we have shared to Facebook. Great job to our History Committee and all the work they put towards this! >

Welcome to Perry Bags: One Welcome Bag delivered in November. <Prior Meeting: Discussion on are we prepared to continue doing Welcome Bags with the expected increase in new residents? Are these what people really want (coupons are not being redeemed, expense to business that provide items, etc.)? Perry Pride could have a positive impact on communicating information about Perry: services, Churches, where to eat. Wayne has provided a list which includes information new residents might find helpful. >

Kansas Pride Signs HWY 24: <Prior Meeting: Due to cost we will hold off on ordering new signs until we become eligible for 2023 grants through Kansas Pride. We have contacted Kansas Pride to ask if they will consider making the signs with more vibrant colors so that they are more visible and in a longer lasting material (they fade out in a few years and have to be replaced). There are current discussions related to branding for Kansas Pride and our request will be shared with the Kansas Pride marketing committee.>

Obelisk: Perry Pride will follow up with owner that this is not a project we are able to take on. Cost related, Perry Pride current commitments, and overall opinion that it is a personal monument and moving it from the field takes away what makes it unique. <Prior Meeting: Perry Pride was contacted by the owner of the property where the obelisk is located. He wanted to know if Perry Pride would be interested in having the monument moved. If the monument is not moved, it will be taken down.>

Soup with Santa. Was a great success. The space looked spectacular with red carpet to Santa, stage set up, cloth tablecloths. Troop 89 was again a fantastic partner. Just under \$900 was raised for Troop 89.

City of Perry Christmas Light Appreciation: Photos of 2022 spotlighted homes will be posted from December 12-15th for “voting” on Perry Pride’s Facebook page.

New Business:

Thank you cards to Fall Festival Sponsors. Megan Cottrell will work to have these ready to be mailed in January. We will also send to Vendors this year.

Perry Pride T-shirt Order. Jennifer Brown will order Perry Pride shirts for Bob Brown, Amanda Johnson, and Kaitlyn Farrell.

Officer Nominations: Officer Nominations to be voted on at January Meeting:

President. TBD

Vice President. TBD

Secretary. Amanda Johnson

Treasurer. Wes Henning

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

Next Meeting: Next Meeting January 3, 2023 at 6:30pm. Perry Lecompton Community Library (enter through west doors).