

## **Minutes Perry Pride Meeting**

**May 3, 2022**

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

**Members Present:** Derek Aldrich, Jennifer Brown, Maggie Clevenger, Ted Decker, Willard Epling, Hallie Fill, Paula Hladky, Wayne Ledbetter, Georgia Masten, Rick Moore, Pat Putnam, Joan Tabbert, Kathy Youngquist

**Special Guest:** Terry Breason. Terry presented Perry Pride with a donation of \$500 from the Route 24 Car Club.

**April Meeting Minutes:** Approved by all members present.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Day of Pride/Children's Learning Garden.** Perry Pride and the Billtown Go-Getters 4H Club did clean-up at the Perry Elementary School Learning Garden on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer turnout was very good and a lot was accomplished. Special thanks to Pat Putnam for coordinating and to the Billtown Go-Getters for partnering with us!

**Community Visioning/First Impressions/Vision 2030:** Work continues and is going well.

<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). >

**Spotlight on Wilkhomm Trail/Welcome to Perry Get Together:** Scheduled Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-1:00pm with a dedication by the City of Perry at noon. Planning will be done by separate e-mail.

Ted Decker shared additional work he has done on the trail including hanging birdhouses, using fallen trees to line the trail, laminated large poster with information about the history of the trail at the Kiosk. Ted worked with Ruth Ellis on this information and we will also get a copy to share through our website and Facebook.

Ramon Gonzalez has taken a drone video of the trail and shared with Megan Cottrell for our Perry Pride website.

Ted brought sign in sheets from the trail which shows visitors and that people are coming from all over, not just local. Rick Moore will put these in a binder to be shared with visitors to the Perry Lecompton Community Library.

Future ideas for the trail include: Flag pole at the river, benches that look out to the Delaware River, tree identification tags, "name" the individual trail loops and add signage for these. Frisbees available at the Kansas River area, QR Code to scan for coordinates and check in.

**Perry Pride Postcards:** No update. <Prior Meeting: Sharon Porter requested Perry Pride to do a postcard that includes each of the rock signs in Perry by Keith Middlemas. The signs will need to be cleaned prior to photography and the temperature will need to be above 55 at night and 70 in the day. The stones should be cleaned every 5 years per Keith. Ramon Gonzalez has volunteered to coordinate the cleaning and do the photos.>

**Perry Pride Pocket Museum and History Update:** The Georgie Stebbins exhibit at the Perry Pride Pocket Museum will be removed on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Marie Allen's exhibit will go back in for display. Our Fall exhibit will focus on a photo display. Work is being done to add history information to the Perry Pride website. Cristy Bidinger will request Perry information on the Jefferson County Historical Society website to be updated with new Pocket Museum display information.

<Prior Meeting: Perry has been added to the Old Jefferson Town website and is currently promoting our Pocket Museum display. Check it out at [www.oldjeffersontown.com](http://www.oldjeffersontown.com) The website has a link to our Facebook page and we will request that our Perry Pride website link be added. Video goals: 1. Teaser for Perry History. 2. Introduce the work our Perry History Committee is doing. The video is almost completed and looks fantastic. Judith Hotchkiss is the narrator.>

**Welcome to Perry Bags:** We are out of Welcome to Perry Bags and Libby Schmidt is working on making new ones. In April, Welcome Bags were delivered to: Zachary Stahl (by Virginia Richards) and to John and Alissa Robbins (by Bob and Donna Brown).

<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. >

#### **New Business:**

**Kansas Humanities Speakers Bureau:** Discussion of partnering with the Perry Lecompton Community Library to bring a Kansas Humanities Speaker to Perry. Rick Moore will evaluate and let us know. Rick will also be working to schedule Ted Decker to give a talk.

**Fall Festival.** The 2022 Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>! Fall Festival Checklist reviewed.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:50pm

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting June 7, 2022 at 6:30pm. Perry Lecompton Community Library (enter through west doors).