

## **Minutes Perry Pride Meeting**

**March 1, 2022**

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

**Members Present:** Cristy Bidinger, Jennifer Brown, Megan Cottrell, Megan Engleman, Willard Epling, Paula Hladky, Carl Hobi, John Knott, Georgia Masten, Rick Moore, Pat Putnam, Virginia Richards, Christina Scheer, Kathy Youngquist

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of 1/31/2022 is \$7,031.91. CD is \$10,182.63.

**2022 Officer Elections:** Officers were approved by all Members present.

Megan Cottrell, President

Jennifer Brown, Vice President

Kathy Youngquist, Secretary

Deanne Schurer, Treasurer

**2022 Draft Budget:** No update.

### **Unfinished Business**

**City of Perry Easter Egg Hunt:** Scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Rain date is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Perry Pride will plan to serve donuts and bottled water beginning at 10:00am.

#### **To Do:**

John: Will bring 6 dozen chocolate donuts

Paula and Willard: Will bring 9 dozen mixed donuts

Kathy: Will bring 150 small bottled waters, napkins, and Perry Pride banner. First State Bank & Trust will cover cost for waters.

Jennifer: Will purchase an Easter Bunny costume and Joel has volunteered to be our Easter Rabbit (shh)!

Megan: Will make flyers.

**Community Visioning/First Impressions/Vision 2030:** Trail is moving forward and the cost of trail has been covered. There will be expenses for landscaping and equipment. Wayne is applying for a grant with Evergy.

<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. >

**Welcome to Perry Get Together:** We are going to combine this with a “Spotlight on Wilkomm Trail”. <Prior Meeting: Discussion of trying to host an annual Welcome to Perry Event. A way to bring people new to our area together to meet others. Maybe a hot dog cookout, quarterly corn hole, homemade ice cream, drawings for prizes, chili cook off.>

**Perry Pride Postcards:** <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 has volunteered to coordinate the cleaning and do the photos.>

**Jefferson County Historical Society:** Work is starting back up on this and Cristy, Pat, and Megan C. are meeting this week to further discuss.

<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. >

**Welcome to Perry Bags:** Wayne made final request for Perry Pride members to share what they think people need and want to know when they are new to our community. Please e-mail Wayne with your thoughts to [mwledbetter@yahoo.com](mailto:mwledbetter@yahoo.com)

<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. >

**Wilkomm Trail:** Perry Pride will host a get together to Spotlight the Wilkomm Trail in early summer. Tentative date is June 11<sup>th</sup>. Perry Pride will further discuss and plan at April Meeting. <Prior Meeting: Ted Decker would like Perry Pride to consider a dedication in the Spring. Serve hotdogs, get people out to see how nice it is, and really promote this area to residents and visitors.>

#### **New Business:**

**Kansas Pride Rising Star Update:** Kansas Pride now requires a Community Folio when submitting requests for awards and grants. The folio includes optional videos on subject matter to help Pride organizations. If Perry Pride Members watch any of these please follow up with Kathy. These are available at [Education \(k-state.edu\)](http://Education(k-state.edu))

**Tom Hotchkiss History Research Documents:** Perry Pride will look at adding research on Perry and area community history, which Tom Hotchkiss has completed, to our website. We would then be able to share links to our Facebook page. Would also be a way to preserve this information.

**Sexual Trauma & Abuse Care Center Fundraiser "Show Up For Survivors":** April 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-10:00pm in Lawrence. The StaCare Center provides 24/7 support to people of all ages and genders affected by sexual trauma and abuse in Douglas, Franklin, and Jefferson Counties. They have an office in Oskaloosa where they can also meet with by appointment. They also host an informational booth at our Fall Festival. Kathy will follow up to see if there are Perry Pride Members who would like to attend and represent Perry Pride and JFCO.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:45pm

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting March 1, 2022 at 6:30pm. Perry Lecompton Community Library (enter through west doors).

