

Minutes Perry Pride Meeting

July 5, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 pm

Members Present: Cristy Bidinger, Bob Brown, Donna Brown, Jennifer Brown, Willard Epling, Paula Hladky, Wes Henning, Carl Hobi, Pastor John Knott, Wayne Ledbetter, Rick Moore, Sharon Porter, Pat Putnam, Kathy Youngquist

June Meeting Minutes: Approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report:

Members present agreed to opening an additional Perry Pride checking account for the purpose of depositing donations and grant money and paying expenses of the Park Project.

First State Bank & Trust is accepting donations of box fans to give to area residents in need. Members present approved up to \$200 to be used to purchase fans to donate. Willard Epling and Paula Hladky will purchase the fans on behalf of Perry Pride.

Unfinished Business

Community Visioning/First Impressions/Vision 2030: Perry Pride has received a grant of \$5,000 through the FreeState Electric Cooperative Round Up Program. This will go toward the Park Project. All approvals are done for the project and with the weather drying up we expect to start seeing progress soon!

<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: The event was well attended and the feedback was very good! We will put some of the remaining “I Walked the Wilkhomm Trail” stickers in the box near the river at the end of the trail and also have some available at the Perry Lecompton Community Library.

Perry Pride Postcards: Sharon Porter will deliver a check to Keith Middlemas from Perry Pride for him to use toward cleaning materials for the stones. <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: Very close to the video being completed!

<Prior Meeting: Perry has been added to the Old Jefferson Town. Check it out at 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. Judith Hotchkiss is the narrator.

Marie Allen's exhibit is currently on display in the Perry Pride Pocket Museum. Our Fall 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. >

Welcome to Perry Bags: Welcome bags delivered to 2 new resident.

<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 Perry Pride signs on HWY 24: The cost to replace the Kansas Pride signs is \$207 per sign and the Community of Excellence signs are \$57 each. Kathy Youngquist will apply for a matching grant through Kansas Pride to help with cost of replacing these signs. The grant application deadline is September 1st.

Fall Festival: The 2022 Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, September 10th! Fall Festival Checklist reviewed.

New Business:

Rising Star Award Update: Our nomination of First State Bank & Trust to receive a Rising Star Award from Kansas Pride has been approved! We plan to award this at a Fall PLHS home football game when First State Bank & Trust does their debit card donations presentation to USD 343.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

Next Meeting: Next Meeting August 2, 2022 at 6:30pm. Perry Lecompton Community Library (enter through west doors).