

Minutes Perry Pride Meeting

April 5, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 pm

Members Present: Donna Brown, Jennifer Brown, Willard Epling, Paula Hladky, Carl Hobi, Wayne Ledbetter, Georgia Masten, Pat Putnam, Virginia Richards, Christina Scheer, Kathy Youngquist

March Meeting Minutes: Approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report:

- Managing Vision 2030 Funds. Officers approved for Perry Pride account to be used for receiving and paying funds related to the Trail Project.
- Members present approved a donation of \$62.50 to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, towards their Child Safety, Bullying, and Drug Education Program.

2022 Draft Budget: Approved by all members present.

Unfinished Business

City of Perry Easter Egg Hunt: Scheduled for April 9th at 10:30am. Rain date is April 16th. Perry Pride will plan to serve donuts and bottled water beginning at 10:00am. Perry Pride volunteers please arrive by 9:45am. Perry Pride is ready!

Community Visioning/First Impressions/Vision 2030: Equipment is backordered for fitness areas on trail – expect delivery in the Fall (at the earliest). Wayne is going to apply for a grant, on behalf of Perry Pride, to FreeState Electric Cooperative.

<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. >

Spotlight on Wilkhomm Trail/Welcome to Perry Get Together: Tentative date is Saturday, June 11th. Wayne will confirm Ted Decker is available that date and then we will work on flyers and additional planning. We plan to serve hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Possibly a dessert at the river area and a sticker, "I walked the Wilkhomm Trail." Request a port-a-pottie from Hamms when have date confirmed.

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: The video is almost completed and looks fantastic. Judith Hotchkiss is the narrator.

<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 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 has put together a spreadsheet with local information and will share this for review/what is missing? <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. >

Fall Festival Event Vendors: Confirmed are Ultimate Bounce, Henna artist, Caricatures artist, Balloon artist, and Belly Dancers. Train and pony rides have been contacted.

New Business:

Perry Pride Pocket Museum: Goal will be to remove current display at the end of May. New display will be the History of Perry in pictures.

Day of Pride/Children's Learning Garden. We have scheduled to do clean up at the Learning Garden on April 30th. Work needs to be done on the perennial garden by the picnic tables to reduce size, uncover water feature. Jennifer Brown will check if the Billtown Go-Getters 4H Club is available to assist. Other community volunteers also needed. Please plan to bring garden gloves, shovels, rakes.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

Next Meeting: Next Meeting May 3, 2022 at 6:30pm. Perry Lecompton Community Library (enter through west doors).