

Minutes Perry Pride Meeting

August 3, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 pm

Members Present: Cristy Bidinger, Bob Brown, Donna Brown, Jennifer Brown, Willard Epling, Ramon Gonzalez, Paula Hladky, Carl Hobi, Wayne Ledbetter, Keith Middlemas, Rick Moore, Sharon Porter, Pat Putnam, Virginia Richards, Christina Scheer, Kathy Youngquist

July Meeting Minutes: Approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report:

Members present approved the following donations:

- \$100 Alpha Christian Children's Home for Back to School clothes.
- \$110 to Keith Middlemas for additional supplies for stone cleaning.

Members present did not approve purchase of additional "I walked the Wilkhomm Trail" or postcards we used for invitations.

Unfinished Business

Community Visioning/First Impressions/Vision 2030: No update.

<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. All approvals are done for the project and with the weather drying up we expect to start seeing progress soon! >

Perry Pride Postcards: Thank you to Keith Middlemas, Ramon Gonzalez, Ralph Porter, and Sharon Porter for work on cleaning the stone Welcome to Perry signs, PLMS, Oak Ridge and Mount Calvary Cemeteries. They spent over 8 hours cleaning and then photographing for postcards. Ramon will send photos to Megan and Sharon will check with Cliff Akers on cost to do 5"x7" postcards. The stone signs will need to be cleaned every 3 years per Keith. Keith will send detailed instructions on how this is to be done and would like Perry Pride to add this to schedule to complete.

Perry Pride Pocket Museum and History Update: New exhibit may not be ready for Fall Festival. We will list that the Perry Pride Pocket Museum as open from 9:00am-noon on the Fall Festival schedule but will not promote "new exhibit."

<Prior Meeting: Perry has been added to the Old Jefferson Town. Check it out at www.oldjeffersonstown.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 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. >

Welcome to Perry Bags: <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. >

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

New Business:

September Meeting: We will not have our regular Perry Pride Meeting in September and will focus on Fall Festival, September 10th. All final planning will be done by e-mail.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

Next Meeting: Next Meeting October 4, 2022 at 6:30pm. Perry Lecompton Community Library (enter through west doors).