

Minutes Perry Pride Meeting

November 1, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 pm

Members Present: Bob Brown, Donna Brown, Jennifer Brown, Joel Brown, Macy Brown, Willard Epling, Katlyn Farrell, Wes Henning, Paula Hladky, Carl Hobi, Amanda Johnson, Wayne Ledbetter, Rick Moore, Pat Putnam, Virginia Richards, Kathy Youngquist

October Meeting Minutes: Approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report: 501c3 Status. Ron Ellis is going to reach out to Representative Tracy Mann to see if he can help.

Unfinished Business

Corn Hole Tournament: Big success! We had 20 teams registered to play and raised \$257.23 for Perry Pride.

Trunk or Treat: Great evening and big turnout! Thank you to Carl Hobi, Bob and Donna Brown, Pastor John, and Wayne Ledbetter for helping out with the Perry Pride tent and handing out candy at the event!

Community Visioning/First Impressions/Vision 2030: Highland Community College will be vacating their campus building in Perry effective 7/1/2023. If you have ideas of how the building might be used/operated for public cooperative purposes or any other uses please contact Wayne Ledbetter. <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. Perry Pride has received a grant of \$2,000 from Kansas Pride towards this project. The overall project is in very good shape from a financial perspective. Equipment is still on back order. Hope is that concrete will be laid by the end of this year. >

Perry Pride Pocket Museum and History Update: Pat Putnam and Cristy Bidinger will be giving a presentation on Perry History during the Program following the Annual Meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Society on Sunday, November 6th. The program piece will start at 3:00pm. Please attend if you are available or you may be able to view on Facebook Live. <Prior Meetings: 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. The video on Perry History is completed and is available to watch at www.oldjeffersontown.com and we have shared to Facebook. Great job to our History Committee and all the work they put towards this! >

Welcome to Perry Bags: No new deliveries.

<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 Pride Signs HWY 24: We have contacted Kansas Pride to ask if they will consider making the signs with more vibrant colors so that they are more visible and in a longer lasting material (they fade out in a few years and have to be replaced). There are current discussions related to branding for Kansas Pride and our request will be shared with the Kansas Pride marketing committee. <Prior Meeting: Due to cost we will hold off on ordering new signs until we become eligible for 2023 grants through Kansas Pride.

New Business:

Obelisk: Perry Pride was contacted by the owner of the property where the obelisk is located. He wanted to know if Perry Pride would be interested in having the monument moved. If the monument is not moved, it will be taken down. Pat Putnam will reach out to any identified family members to see if they want have an interest in having obelisk returned to them (at their cost). If no interest, Perry Pride will look into what it could cost and what would be involved to have moved to a new location in Perry. The City of Perry has indicated that they are interested in seeing the monument saved and moved, as a part of Perry's history.

Soup with Santa. We will finalize Soup with Santa planning by e-mail.

Christmas Lights at the Railroad Park: Paula Hladky will contact the Scouts to ask if they will hang the lights on the gazebo again this year for a donation. We would also like to hang lights on the evergreen tree at the park this year too. Wayne Ledbetter will confirm with the Township that is ok to plug into the Community Building/Fire Station for power.

City of Perry Christmas Light Appreciation: Megan will work on Flyers and get these to Paula and on our website.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

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