

## February 1, 2022 Perry Pride Meeting Minutes

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

**Members Present:** Cristy Bidingger, Jennifer Brown, Willard Epling, Ramon Gonzalez, Paula Hladky, John Knott, Rick Moore, Sharon Porter, Pat Putnam, Christina Scheer, Kathy Youngquist

### Special Guests:

Keith Middlemas

Lindsay Dobbs, Ozawkie Pride

Dana Gettel, Ozawkie Pride

**December Meeting Minutes:** Approved by all members present. No January Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Application has been submitted to reinstate 501c3 status.

### Unfinished Business

**Community Visioning/First Impressions/Vision 2030:** Committee Leads met previous week. Full group meeting was canceled due to illness.

<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 will work towards hosting an event in Spring 2022. <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:** Keith Middlemas attended meeting to discuss cleaning of the rock signs. He said this should be done every 5 years. Temperature will need to be above 55 at night and 70 in the day to use the cleaning solvents. Ramon Gonzalez will coordinate with Keith on purchase of supplies and Perry Pride will cover cost. We will need volunteers to do the cleaning.

<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. Ramon has volunteered to do the photos.>

**Jefferson County Historical Society:** Perry's video is currently being edited and link will be shared when ready.

<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:** Reminder to think about and share what you 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 really positive impact on communicating information about Perry: services, Churches, where to eat. >

**Wilkomm Trail:** Wayne is coordinating with Ted Decker on possible projects Eagle Scouts can help with.

<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:**

**City of Perry Christmas Lights Appreciation (wrap up):**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$100: 316 E, 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tie, \$75 each: 101 Linden Circle and 207 Main St.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tie, \$50 each: 206 Main St. and 203 Main St.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place, \$25: 512 Oak St.
- Business Category: First State Bank & Trust. \$100 Donated to the Billtown Go-Getters 4H Club.

**Perry Pride Pocket Museum:** Current display will be up through mid-May. Then will go back to Marie Allen Display. Display after this will be photos only. This will give Committee an opportunity to organize photos by theme, subject, date. Would like us to consider not doing opening of next Exhibit during Fall Festival – prefer to have this be its own special event.

**Perry Lecompton Community Library Bazaar:** PLCL will not be holding the Bazaar this year. They are looking for an interested community group to take this over. Members present voted “no” on Perry Pride hosting the Bazaar. If you know any groups that might be interested in this, as a fundraising effort, please have them contact Rick Moore at PLCL.

**Officer Nominations 2022 (to be voted on at March Perry Pride Meeting):**

President: Megan Cottrell

Vice President: Jennifer Brown

Treasurer: Deanne Schurer, representing First State Bank & Trust

Secretary: Kathy Youngquist

Nominations welcomed and encouraged.

**Perry Pride 2022 Budget:** Was not available. Will be discussed at March Meeting.

**City of Perry Easter Egg Hunt:** Much discussion on hosting the Pancake Feed at the City of Perry Easter Egg Hunt. Concerns with lack of space in the Community Building and COVID concerns, for those at risk. Members Present voted to do a scaled back effort. We will set up Perry Pride tent in the park and serve donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate. We will see if can get an Easter Bunny to be available for informal photos with the kids. We will start serving 1 hour before the

Easter Egg Hunt. This will be free and will not be a fundraiser. Perry Pride will confirm with the City that they plan to host the Easter Egg Hunt and if they are interested in Perry Pride partnering with them.

**Kansas Pride Awards:** Members present nominated <<it's a surprise!>> for Rising Star Award.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:00pm

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting March 1, 2022 at 6:30pm. Perry Lecompton Community Library (enter through west doors). Anyone interested in the community of Perry is welcome to attend!