

## **Minutes Perry Pride Meeting**

**October 4, 2022**

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

**Members Present:** Bob Brown, Donna Brown, Jennifer Brown, Megan Cottrell, Willard Epling, Katlyn Farrell, Ramon Gonzalez, Wes Henning, Paula Hladky, Carl Hobi, Amanda Johnson, Wayne Ledbetter, Rick Moore, Sharon Porter, Pat Putnam, Virginia Richards, Joan Tabbert, Kathy Youngquist

**August Meeting Minutes:** Approved by all members present. No September Meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Members present approved the following donations:

- \$200 to Friends of Hospice of Jefferson County
- \$100 to Trunk or Treat

### **Unfinished Business**

**Fall Festival Wrap-up:** Good discussion on Fall Festival and checklist will be updated with notes from discussion for us to further consider for 2023. The Corn Hole Tournament has been rescheduled and will take place on October 15<sup>th</sup> at The Joint (next door to former Thriftway). Cleveland Blue was also able to be rescheduled and will play from 2:00-3:00pm.

**Community Visioning/First Impressions/Vision 2030:** Perry Pride has received a grant of \$2,000 from Kansas Pride towards this project! This grant will need to be used within 90 days of receipt. 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. <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:** We have received the postcards and they are very nice! These have been set out for people to take at the Perry Post Office, First State Bank & Trust, and the Perry Lecompton Community Library.

**Perry Pride Pocket Museum and History Update:** Work is continuing on new exhibit and we will promote when display is ready. The video on Perry History is completed and is available to watch at [www.oldjeffersontown.com](http://www.oldjeffersontown.com) and we have shared to Facebook. Great job to our History Committee and all the work they put towards this!

<Prior Meeting: 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:** 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:** Due to cost we will hold off on ordering new signs until we become eligible for 2023 grants through Kansas Pride. Members also suggested contacting Kansas Pride and asking them to consider the colors used in the signage – as it is very hard to see and fades quickly.

**New Business:**

**Perry Lecompton High School Request for Perry Pride to Join Site Council:** Megan Cottrell will join and represent Perry Pride.

**Trunk or Treat:** Carl Hobi will be set up with the Perry Pride at Trunk or Treat and will hand out candy on behalf of Perry Pride. Paula Hladky will purchase candy for Perry Pride and will submit receipts for reimbursement. Any Perry Pride members who would like to join him that evening are welcome! Takes place on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Perry United Methodist Church Activity Center and parking lot from 6:30-8:00pm.

**Soup with Santa.** The Perry American Legion has been reserved for set up on December 1<sup>st</sup> and for our Soup with Santa Event on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will partner with Troop 89 and Paula Hladky will coordinate with them. Santa has been confirmed to visit and will arrive on a fire truck. Michael Skaggs will do set up for Santa area. Kathy will contact Bombshell Balloons about attending.

**Taste of Elegance:** Georgia Masten will be attending on behalf of Perry Pride.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:00pm

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting November 1, 2022 at 6:30pm. Perry Lecompton Community Library (enter through west doors).