

Minutes Perry Pride Meeting

January 3, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 pm

Members Present: Jennifer Brown, Megan Cottrell, Willard Epling, Katlyn Farrell, Wes Henning, Paula Hladky, Carl Hobi, Amanda Johnson, Wayne Ledbetter, Georgia Masten, Rick Moore, Virginia Richards, Kathy Youngquist

December Meeting Minutes: Approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report:

501c3 Status. S2 Accounting was not able to offer assistance with 501(c)3 Application. Kathy Youngquist will update By Laws for Application. <Prior Meetings: We do not have the volunteer expertise in our group to do this and will reach out to see if can find a local accountant willing to help. Ron Ellis suggested contacting District Attorney Jonathan Ney to ask if he could help with completing this. Members present authorized up to \$1,000 towards cost to have Application completed by outside accountant.>

2023 Officer Elections:

President. Jennifer Brown

Vice President. Katlyn Farrell

Secretary. Amanda Johnson

Treasurer. Wes Henning

Unfinished Business

Community Visioning/First Impressions/Vision 2030: Felicity Ross, Council Member City of Perry, is going to take over updates for the City of Perry website. <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. Phase 1: Railroad Park. Includes wooden kid train to play on, 2 steel cornhole sets, art totem, musical equipment, and entry Arch made by Slick Clark Designs! There will be an ADA accessible port-a-potty with pad installed. Phase 2 will include natural play area, pickleball court, adding a caboose to the kid train, and landscaping. >

Perry Pride Pocket Museum and History Update: Still in progress. <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 deliveries in December. <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: <Prior Meeting: Due to cost we will hold off on ordering new signs until we become eligible for 2023 grants through Kansas Pride. 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.>

City of Perry Christmas Light Appreciation:

1st Place, 207 Main St. \$100.

2nd Place, 405 Elm St. \$75.

3rd Place, 209 W. Bridget St. \$50.

4th Place, 205 Poplar. \$25.

Business: AG Insurance, 504 Plaza Dr. \$100 donated to the Billtown Go-Getters 4H Club.

For 2023 we will ask City of Perry residents to submit photos of their homes to be entered in the Annual Christmas Lights Appreciation. Voting will continue to be through our Perry Pride Facebook page.

Thank you cards to Fall Festival Sponsors. <Prior Meetings: Megan Cottrell will work to have these ready to be mailed in January. We will also send to Vendors this year.>

New Business:

2023 Budget: To be presented at February Meeting for approval.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm

Next Meeting: Next Meeting February 7, 2023 at 6:30pm. Perry Lecompton Community Library (enter through west doors).