LaCrosse Community Partners

Board of Directors meeting 06/14/2024

Present were: Kenny, Jamie, Sarah, Alice, Paige, Leslie, Charmaine

Kenny called the meeting to order at **7:03am.**

Minutes from 5/31/24 were presented. Paige moved, and Jamie seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.

**Heritage Capital Grant:**

* Wahoo! Leslie (and Sarah a little) were able to complete the application for the 2025-2027 HCP grant. We will not know for sure if we receive all of the funds until June 2025.
* Sarah will start back on the reimbursement process after the Farmers' Festival.
* We have received the USDA Rural Business Development Grant for $50,000 and can start spending the money immediately.

**Store Building:** We are still waiting on Yellow Duck Refrigeration to replace the cooler door. Sarah will touch base with them again.

**Apartments:**

* It seems as though we are still having issues with the quality of the mowing. We are going to ask Jeff to talk to Mike and see if we can get a cleaner look.
* We understand the weather has not been favorable, but the weeds are out of control at the apartments. Someone is going to have to tackle this after Farmers' Festival. Kenny has a tow behind sprayer on order.
* #7 is occupied
* Justin and Ross plan on having all the beds complete by the end of the Summer.

**Andrus Building:**

* The Cocoa Bee has signed a 4 year lease. Sarah has sent that to the bank.
* Sarah talked to Darrin about the concrete. His bid has gone up to $21,526.05.
* Sarah has called other contractors to work on scheduling work.
* Sarah has visited with Kylie. She is also looking for grants to help renovate the building.

**Service Station:**

* Kenny has the lean-to down. He is working on cleaning up around the service station.
* Kenny and Sarah met with Chris from Apex Roofing. He has created a rough bid of between $28,000-$30,000 depending on if we take the old roof off or not. We will have to replace several of the trusses. Apex Roofing will not do that.
* The railroad will lease us the lot that the Wheat Suite sits on for $1400. Once we sign a lease, they will move forward with the property disposal process. Alex will work on the paperwork for this.
* Alex may have a contractor working for him in the next couple of months that we can use.

**Jasper Building:** Sarah reached out to Ritzville Grain Growers since she has not heard back from them. The secretary said they probably did not accept our officer but suggested she email Brian to verify. Sarah sent an email.

**Movie Night in the Park:** Since we are having a hard time putting it together, Sarah has reached out to Parks and Rec to see if they want to collaborate on this. No answer yet.

**Farmer’ Festival:**

* Sarah handed out a sign-up sheet for working the silent auction.
* Alex will donate books. Sarah will pick them up at his office.
* Paige purchased some kids toys and a cooler for the silent auction using the money donations we received.
* Kenny and Alex will help the National Parks Service.
* It would be nice if there were pictures of the inside of the bunkhouses and plans for the service station posted somewhere for the public to see. Sarah will work on this.
* Since we are short on manpower, we should send an email through Lois’s email group to see if we can round up additional help for the weekend. Paige will take care of that.

**Harvest Dinner:** Sarah was visiting with Renee Hinder. The church is hosting a bluegrass group Oct. 6 and wanted to know if we would like to coordinate our dinner with their concert. The group was in favor. Sarah will contact Renee to let her know this. COA will provide food.

**LaCrosse Signage:** The L is no longer on the hill as you come into town from Shapenberg Rd.

* Is there a way LCP can maintain that L? Would we be allowed on that property to put a sign back up? Kenny will talk to Staleys about it.
* Can we paint a mural on the dump station wall on Airport Rd to increase town visibility?
* Kenny suggested we try to get a business loop sign on the highway. Leslie said talk to Mark Storey.

**Clothing:** It was brought up that it would be nice if we all had apparel with the LCP logo on it, especially during events like Farmers’ Festival. Sarah will look into it.

**Speeder Cars in Hooper:** Alex will host the speeder cars luncheon this weekend. He would like a member of the group to be there to drum up financial support for LCP. Alice will go.

**Next meeting will be June 28,2024 at 7am in the Gathering Place.**

Kenny concluded the meeting at 8:20 am.

**Action Items:**

**All: Update community service hours**

Alex- Move forward on getting an agreement for the railroad property the bunkhouse sits on, Help National Park Service set up at Farmers’ Festival

Paige- Email Lois about help for silent auction, help set up Farmer’s Festival, Have Brian pick up cash register from Leslie’s office

Jeff- Help where needed

Kenny-Help with National Parks set up, talk to Staley’s, Contact Mark Storey, Find out who owns dump site on Airport Rd

Jamie- Set up silent auction

Alice- Set up silent auction

Leslie-Logo gear information to Sarah

Alice- Attend speeder car lunch