LaCrosse Community Pride

Board of Directors meeting 10/25/2024

Present were: Paige, Jamie, Sarah Alex, Nick, Kenny, Leslie, Kevin, Leann, Charmaine, Alice

Kenny called the meeting to order at **7:01am.**

Minutes were presented from 10/424 and 10/18/24. Alex moved and Paige seconded to approve the minutes as written.

**Harvest Dinner Recap :**

* Weather was great, turn out was poor.
  + Maybe do a raffle next year
  + Church fed people lunch so they weren’t hungry
  + Maybe move to Saturday
  + Play sports on a screen so people will come
  + Do a themed dinner

**Places Conference Recap:**

* Sarah, Kenny, and Leslie attended
* Sarah toured Milton-Freewater downtown which used an empty lot to do a social gathering once a month during the summer. It has now expanded and they shut down 3 blocks of Main Street. They have had up to 1700 people attend the event.
* Sarah also attended the barn tour. They have turned an old barn into a wine tasting room.
* Kenny had to leave early.
* Leslie attended workshops on how to connect digitally and gained some other ideas for LCP. She will put together something for a future meeting.
* The highlight of the conference was Startin’s Repair winning the overall Excellence on Main award. Lois, Eric, Chelsey and Buggy were in attendance to receive the award.

**Apartments:** Leann Roberts, our new apartment manager gave an update.

* Leann has painted #9 and #2
* #2’s water heater was leaking so she replaced it
* Just needs to do the final cleaning so they can be listed for rent
* One of the hardwire smoke detectors has malfunctioned in Unit 5. TNA replaced all of them in every unit and the office. The fees for this was over$4,000.
* According to Bethany our service contract with TNA has expired. The group concluded we should do some price checking before signing into another year service agreement with TNA

**Andrus Building:**

* Cash Construction never gave Sarah an itemized bid so the board could see the cost of the metal and materials, labor, equipment rental, etc.
* Sarah had made some calls and was able to give a rough estimate on what materials would cost, but there are several variables so giving an exact number would be impossible.
* After discussion, the board decided to move forward with the project as the structural integrity of the building is at risk.
* Sarah will talk to Darin about ordering the materials and starting work.
* Alex asked that we send Kylie an updated lease and ensure she signs it.

**Building light upgrades:**  The contractors completed their work yesterday. There are a LOT of light bulbs in each building.

**Store Building:**

* Monday, the drain for the sink behind the store counter was plugged. Sarah came in early Tuesday to look at it. This is the second time it has happened. Sarah tapped the sump pump in the basement and it drained. Everything works again, but the building smelled like sewer all day.
* A towns person who works on Main Street came into Sarah’s office unhappy that he was being questioned about his bathroom usage in the grocery store building. Sarah tried really hard to make him understand it is open to the public, but the restroom and the building are not public buildings so abusing the privilege of having the restrooms open is not ok. He was very mad. The group talked about locking the bathrooms so that the only way they would be accessible is to get a key from the store or from the library.
* The last meeting we talked about better signage for the store. It was decided to purchase inserts for the LCP owned A frame for Jodi to put on Main Street when she is open. Paige said she would meet Jodi and order the sign from Signs and Designs in Colfax.

**EV Charging Station:** Kenny would like to do a press release for it now that it is up and running.

**Railroad lease:** The railroad has sent a 2 year lease for the lot that the Wheat Suite sits on. The board approved of the lease and asked Sarah to sign it.

**Cafe:** Paige has had a conversation with a business owner who recently purchased land in LaCrosse. They MAY be interested in helping with the remodel of the cafe. Paige will share more information when she knows more.

**Service Station:** Alex is concerned with the progress on the service station. He is going to see if he can find a contractor with a bigger crew to help move the process along.

**Next meeting will be November 8, 2024 at 7am in the Gathering Place.**

Kenny concluded the meeting at 8:14am.

**Action Items:**

**All: Update community service hours, help find additional donors for B&O**

Alex- Look for a contractor

Paige-Meet with Jodi to get signs for A frame, look further in to cafe remodel help

Jeff- Membership plan

Kenny- Grants, ribbon cutting for EV

Jamie- Bookkeeping

Alice- Newsletter

Leslie- Help as needed

Anna- Help as needed

Charmaine- Help as needed

Kevin- Help as needed

Nick-Help as needed