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**Milo Hometown Pride
Committee Meeting
February 19, 2018 at 5:30 pm
Milo City Hall (100 Main Street)**

Attendance: Lorin Ditzler, Diane Hall, LuAnn Ohnemus

Community Directory Update

Ohnemus presented a draft of the community directory for group feedback and discussion. She created the draft with help from fellow committee members Lynnea Young and Dan Dykstra.

Help is needed from committee members to check with business owners to make sure we have their information listed correctly, and to confirm that they want to be listed. Ohnemus and Hall will work on delegating the list.

The group discussed printing options and Hall suggested sending it to Iowa Prison Industries for design and print. We will likely need about 50 copies.

The directory will be funded by selling ads to local businesses, similar to the ads that are sold for the city newsletter. Ads will be low cost, probably around \$20.

Other Potential Projects (Discussion only)

Rock in City Park: At the January meeting, the group had discussed the need to re-set the rock in City park. Hall said that the City has already taken care of this, as it was less costly than expected.

Movie night: Ditzler researched details on buying the rights to show outdoor movies and mentioned that it might be possible to partner with other Hometown Pride communities (such as Hartford or New Virginia) to share the cost of buying the rights (\$200-\$250), by all agreeing to host a movie night with the same movie on the same night.

Beautification project: The group discussed if we want to talk about doing a beautification project or yard clean-up in the spring. Ohnemus mentioned that the School hosts a clean-up day in Lacona in the spring.

First Impressions Exchange Program: Ditzler told the group that another Hometown Pride community, Odebolt, had reached out asking if we want to do an “exchange” with them. The First Impressions Exchange program would involve sending a small group from Milo to do a peer evaluation of Odebolt, and then hosting a group from Odebolt to evaluate Milo, and meet afterward to discuss what we learned from each other. 4-6 volunteers are needed. Hall volunteered to participate and Ditzler will e-mail the rest of the committee to see if others will volunteer.

Volunteers & Committee Members

Additional committee members are still welcome (we currently have 8). Hall will put the volunteer interest survey on the city website. Ohnemus is going to review the surveys that have already been received and compile the contact information so they can be included in future volunteer communications.

Next Meeting

The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. The next meeting will be March 19th at 5:30.