



## **MINUTES**

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

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**Attendance:** Hannah Byers, Lorin Ditzler, Paula Griggs, Diane Hall, Darrell Jensen, Lisa Msuya, Luann Ohnemus, Mike Rourke, Lynnea Young

### **Minutes**

Hall moved to approve the February 19 minutes. Lynnea seconded. Motion passed.

### **Committee Members: Confirm Roster and Member Expectations**

Ditzler reviewed a handout that outlines the committee purpose and structure. She asked individuals to confirm if they will be serving on the committee (attending monthly meetings, with a 2-year commitment) or volunteering only on an as-needed basis.

### **Community Directory Update**

Young called businesses to confirm if they want to be included in the directory. She did not ask for contributions at this time, but let people know that was coming, and response was generally positive. The question was asked about how to find out about businesses we don't know about, especially home based businesses, and someone suggested the Department of Revenue website.

The group talked about whether people would be buying ads for the directory, and decided to treat it as a sponsorship/contribution, so that it can be tax deductible.

Hall volunteered to call Iowa prison industries to find out potential printing costs for a 10-15 page directory.

Young and Hall will call the remaining businesses and organizations to confirm their participation.

The question was asked about how the directory will be distributed. Msuya said that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee will be visiting all 300+ houses in town to pass out 4<sup>th</sup> information. If the committee can have a draft of the directory done by then, they could pass it out.

Several committee members agreed that the next step after the directory is to have a welcome committee.

### **First Impressions Exchange Program**

Hall explained that participants are needed for the First Impressions Exchange with Odebolt, which includes a visit and assessment of the town. Hall, Young, Byers, Jensen, Rourke, and Msuya expressed interested in participating, if they can find a date that works for all. Hall will resend the Doodle poll to try to find a date in the summer.

The group asked Ditzler to ask Odebolt if it is ok to visit on a Saturday, or if a weekday is preferred.

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July update**

Msuya shared the volunteer opportunities available for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and passed out a sign up sheet. Ditzler will share the opportunities with the rest of the Milo Hometown Pride e-mail list.

### **Other Projects**

Young suggested that we try to engage “Very Special Arts Iowa” to paint the rock in City park. She will check on this and report back at the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. The next meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at City Hall.