



**Indianola Hometown Pride
Committee Meeting
October 4, 2018 5:30PM-6:40PM
Warren County Economic Development
111 N Buxton St., Indianola, IA 50125**

Attendance:

Brianna Vaughn	Emmett Konrad	Angela Nelson	Shirley Clark
Jill Johnson	Stacy Strong	Lisa Harms	Lorin Ditzler
Jenn Pfeifer-Malaney	Becky Wigeland		

Absent:

Tara Rehmeier	Doug Bylund	Monica Vail	Kerry McKasson
Terry Pauling	Colleen Willmott		

Approve Agenda and August Minutes

Meeting began at approximately 5:30PM with a review of the Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2018. Strong motioned to approve minutes and Nelson provided a second. Unanimous vote.

Committee Member Update

Clark received a verbal resignation from McKasson. Committee orally agreed to accept his resignation.

Vice Chair Approval

Konrad nominated Nelson for Vice-Chair position open due to Hulen’s resignation. Johnson motioned; Harms seconded. Unanimous vote.

Reconvening Subcommittees

Ditzler communicated with various members since the last meeting; all looking for “less conversation, more action.” Action portion involves reconvening subcommittees. Ditzler suggested granting subcommittees autonomy to act on their various projects.

Current Subcommittees:

- Organization Subcommittee
- Beautification Subcommittee
- Community Chest Subcommittee
- Justice Center Subcommittee
- Finance Subcommittee

Adopt-the-Square/Beautification Blowout

Nelson reported regarding Beautification Blowout. Pfeifer-Malaney said going on for at least 10 years; in April, various organizations assigned to different areas of town (picking up trash, etc.).

Bylund will report next month at our regular meeting. Understanding is it is fairly well established, but just need committee to take it over for sustainability committee; basically self-run.

Nelson suggested storeowners should be responsible for upkeep of own storefronts, but we could assist in projects to generate cohesiveness among the storefronts. Nelson may begin surveying storeowners to see what they want/expect/need. Pfeifer-Malaney suggested coordinating/partnering with Keep Indianola Beautiful/Parks & Rec/Horticulturalist.

Wigeland reported that KIB just updated painting in Salem Alley and is working on windows/mural issue in alley. Working on getting more benches (uniform around the square; trying to determine what to do with the wooden ones). Reported that planters were purchased by “relight” committee; Angie (horticulturalist) does all the planting. IMU may be planning on doing heavier-duty poles on the square (will wait until construction is done).

Clark suggested coming to the City Council and getting a standardization of benches to make sure it is uniform around the square.

Ditzler suggested this is a primary interest of this group; suggested a tangible clean-up before it gets too cold. Strong suggested the schools need weeding on the playgrounds. Konrad questioned Johnson whether there was anything at Simpson beautification-wise.

Brainstorming ideas for the Spring clean-up; possibly our committee could generate a campaign.

Vaughn to do a FB post for October 13th to help clean-up.

Yard of the Month program possibly.

Community Organization Assessment: Subcommittee Report

Organization Summit: October 16 @ the Local Vine; trivia night. Sent info to 50-ish organizations last week. A few responses; three via email, six via Facebook (included committee members).

Ditzler has comments to provide to subcommittee, but suggested all committee members to begin making **personal organizations**. Konrad reported that individuals at downtown assessment meetings were interested in a central hub for organizations.

Rehmeier is meeting with Brenda Easter tomorrow to get the database started w/ the Chamber of Commerce.

Community Chest

Harms reported that presentation at City Council upcoming to determine whether we can put it at the administration building.

Vote taken coloring: unanimous, **purple & gold coloring**. Once location is settled, will get it constructed. Brick pavers with a post bracket to secure it.

Planning on having box done by November 1 meeting, possibly having hats & gloves to put in and coordinate at next meeting. Soliciting can be taking place in the meantime to fill the box.

T-Shirts Report

51 shirts sold; \$840 worth (pre-fees).

Ready for pickup tomorrow at the YMCA from 4-5:30PM. Volunteers for alternate volunteer pickup at the YMCA next weekend?

Konrad can do 6-7PM Monday; Vaughn can do Wednesday 6-7PM; Konrad & Harms could do next Friday; 4-5:30PM.

Ordering closed for now. Possibly do another t-shirt Order blast in November with long-sleeved options.

Treasurer Update

Pfeifer-Malaney reported we have \$979.75 as of September 30; does not include \$35 donation check since deposited, or two reimbursements for \$60 and approximately \$40. Approximate balance is \$910.11. Doesn't include t-shirt invoice. Still waiting on funds from committee members for shirts – depends on costs.

Quarterly report going to council; Pfeifer-Malaney will upload to the Google Drive.

Bylaws

Vaughn reported on suggested bylaws. Will have a draft for approval at the next meeting.

City Council Presentation

October 15; Konrad presenting, committee members should participate if possible. 6PM @ City Council Chambers. Update to Council on project.

Hometown Pride Updates

Ditzler will share via email.

Action Items

October 16 – inviting people to Organization Summit.

Rehmeier working Chamber to establish organization database.

Harms & Konrad getting Chest approved/built for next meeting photo op; committee members should solicit donations – subcommittee needs to instruct what to request.

T-shirt pickup stations for Konrad/Willmott/Harms.

Vaughn to do Bylaws & post re October 13th cleanup day to solicit homes to help. Nelson will coordinate if Vaughn posts.

October 15 Council Meeting!

Topics for Next Meeting: **November 1, 2018 @ 5:30PM** at Warren Co. Economic Development.

Send any topics to Konrad to be added to the Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40PM.