

MABA Minutes – June 9th, 2022 @ 6:30 pm @ Liberty Memorial Building

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Natalie

Board members present: Natalie, Stephanie, Kenzie, Michelle, Gary and Caroline; Additional guests: Becky Bell and Zack Jones; Absent: Teresa Gilreath & Carol Sonnichsen.

**Secretary report:** Approved by Becky; seconded by Stephanie – motion carried

**Treasurer report:** Memberships continue to roll in. Kenzie reported a bill from the Malvern Leader and Joe Designer for the Memorial Day Programs.

**Old Business:**

- **Membership Drive:** Again, more memberships continue to roll in. We will continue to make a few more phone calls and make a final push at the concert series.
  - **Bike Rodeo:** We had ten kids show up. It was fairly simple to run. Perhaps next year we will pick a different weekend. The weekend in May was very busy (ex. youth track meet, graduation, etc.)
  - **Independence Day Celebration:** We're ready to go. Fishing contest will be at 10 a.m. There will be a few different food trucks on site at the golf course for people to choose from. Gary bought lights to wrap around the trees for extra lighting. We need people to work at the gate from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. The Board approved \$300-400 for port-a-ports, \$200 for the stage and giving something to Emily Hilton for her donation of the flyers.
  - **Summer Concert Series:** Finalized the volunteer schedule for the quilt raffle. Will start on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go as followed: 5/\$20 or \$5/piece. Still deciding on a project to fund – looking toward a Trunk or Treat Event in October.
    - July 16<sup>th</sup> = Becky
    - July 23<sup>rd</sup> = Gary & Lisa
    - July 30<sup>th</sup> = Caroline
    - August 6<sup>th</sup> – Kenzie & Michelle
    - August 13<sup>th</sup> – Stephanie & Mike
- Zack got a port-a-pot through LinkenLogs. MABA agreed to pay for it (\$35/month). If anyone would like a booth at the concert series, it's \$10/booth. The series is opened to food vendors so Zack is working on getting different ones there each week.
- **Grant Updates (Iowa Great Places):** Joe has Safe Routes to School project with the city. We can apply once every 10 years, so we have time to decide on a project. Our vision might change; our needs might change. We will pause on this for now.

**New Business:**

- **Christmas Decorations:** A subcommittee of Natalie, Cheryl and Caroline was formed to decide on remainder of the Christmas sign money. Ideas so far: decorate the Wartman

Cabin, a Christmas Village, lights to decorate the big bicycle south of town or outdoor speakers/Christmas music playing. Discussion was also had on doing a poll on Facebook.

- Neighbor: It's a mobile app free for anyone to download. It's an app that shows all the events happening in each town/throughout the entire county. There's a fee for participants to submit their events too.
- Shelter/Tree: There's still discussion happening on where the Pocket Park Tree can be moved. Zack discussion 811 won't locate on private utilities (CentriLink/MidAmerican) and a private locator could cost \$1,500. Western Iowa Network FiberOptic is in town and said they would locate for \$900. Natalie and Zack will go to City Council on June 13<sup>th</sup> to get approval of where the tree could go. If the spot gets approved, MABA will split the cost with SWINT (Southwest Iowa Nature Trail) to have Western Iowa Network do the locating. Proposed spots: blue park shelter to go south of town by the gas station; the bicycle tree would go to the vet's grass area and the vet tree would go on the hill behind the stage in Heritage Park.

**Additional Discussion/Comments:**

- July Meeting Time: No issues – will meet on July 7th.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Caroline and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie – 7:53 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** July 7, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. @ Liberty Memorial Bldg. Basement