

## MALTA SEEDLING COMMITTEE

January 8, 2024

Malta Village Hall, 302 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

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**Present:** Brenda Jergens, Jacque Fucilla, Erin McNeal, Tammy Arneson, Ann Mueller, Debe and Larry Fullington, Natalie Baird, Debbie Lang, Scott Kaelin

### **Call to order**

Meeting called to order by Brenda Jergens at 5:50 PM

Minutes of November 13, 2024.

MOTION to approve minutes by Debe Fullington and SECONDED by Tammy Arneson.

Motion carried.

### **Music Bingo**

Music Bingo is Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Jacque Fucilla is getting gift cards for prizes.

### **Chili Cook-off**

Erin McNeal sent an email to last year's cooks asking if they would like to participate again this year. We have five possible cooks interested. We will try to get up to ten cooks. We have some supplies left over from last year. Brenda Jergens and Jacque Fucilla will purchase supplies we still need. Brenda will bring condiments, Jacque will bring cake, and Erin will bring cornbread. Erin will update the flyer and print out copies. We discussed prizes. MOTION to make prizes \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> by Debe Fullington SECONDED by Jacque Fucilla. Motion carried. We will meet at the Historical Society on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM to set-up.

### **Sponsor Letter**

We discussed how to edit the sponsor letter for this year. Erin McNeal will update the letter and the sponsor list and email it to everyone.

### **Malta Days**

We discussed possible dates for this year's event. Scott Kaelin tried to find a carnival to come to the event. He was able to find a carnival that could bring 4-5 rides on June 21<sup>st</sup>, but there was no guarantee which rides they would bring. We discussed issues that have impacted the event in the past few years. We think there is still value in hosting Malta Days, because many people in the community look forward to it, and people come back to town to visit during the festival. MOTION to have Malta Days be a one-day event held on June 21<sup>st</sup> by Erin McNeal and SECONDED by Debe Fullington. Motion carried.

Malta Days this year will include: Fire department pancake breakfast, Tractor Trot 5K, car show, kids activities, crafters, bands, food, beer tent, and fireworks. We decided not to have a carnival. Scott Kaelin confirmed with the fireworks company that they are available on June 21st. Larry Fullington will look into additional drink options for the beer tent. Erin McNeal will talk to Janet Clark at the library about kids activities. Brenda Jergens has already been in contact with bands and will see if they are available. She will also reach out to food vendors. Debe Fullington will work on getting crafters signed up. We will ask Josh Holbrook if he will run the car show.

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### **Malta Days (continued)**

We want to have a bigger tent and better protection around the gazebo in case of rain since we have had to cancel parts of the festival due to rain in previous years. We always need more volunteers to make the event run smoothly.

### **Luau Dance**

We set the date for April 26<sup>th</sup>. Debe Fullington will confirm the date with Josh Holbrook. Jacque Fucilla will look into online ticket selling options.

### **Music in the Park**

We picked three dates: July 17, August 21, September 21. Brenda Jergens has already been in touch with bands and will check their availability. She will also reach out to food vendors.

### **Movie Night**

We will host movie night at Old School Pizza on September 27.

### **2025 Calendar**

We have the dates set for this year's events. Erin McNeal will update the calendar.

### **Garden Club**

Meetings will start at the end of January. Ann Mueller will send out a meeting notice. We discussed trying a different arrangement for the planters at the Historical Society.

### **Financial**

Balance: \$32,389.59

### **New Business**

Brenda Jergens, Erin McNeal, and Debbie Lang are meeting with Jon Kuhn from BannerUp on January 9<sup>th</sup> about the wayfinding sign grant.

Natalie Baird said that her husband is considering purchasing a large tent for events that the village could possibly use. She will let us know when she has more information.

Debe Fullington is working with Syngenta for sponsorship of the Lions Club and suggested that the Seedling Committee look into applying for Syngenta sponsorship too.

Brenda Jergens mentioned that we can switch officer roles of the Seedling committee if anyone is interested in being in a different role.

Debe Fullington MOTIONED, Ann Mueller SECONDED to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

Next meeting Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 5:45 PM