

Present

Brenda Jergens, Jacque Fucilla, Erin McNeal, Ann Mueller, Debe Fullington, Annette Meares, Tom Plote

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Brenda Jergens 6:11 PM

Minutes of meeting of May 10, 2023 as sent.

MOTION to approve minutes by Debe Fullington and SECONDED by Annette Meares. Motion carried.

Lighting for Mural

The village suggested running an electric line to the sign on Route 38 to power the lights for the mural. Scott Kaelin has requested a quote for the installation from Cass Larson. Jacque Fucilla will reach out to him. The village may cover the cost of the electric line. The Seedling Committee will pay for the cost of the light fixtures. We looked at light fixture options and discussed the pros and cons of each. Jacque Fucilla will reach out to Arndt's Automotive to find out what light fixtures they used for their mural. The minimum budget for lighting fixtures will be around \$2,000.

Fishing Derby – Saturday, June 17

President Bob Iverson has everything prepared for the event.

Music in the Park – July 20th and August 17th

We received the contract from "Home by 12."

Malta Days

Debbie Lang would like to work with the Seedling Committee on future plans for Malta Days. One option is to have a Thursday – Saturday schedule. The parade could be on Thursday night, and the festival could end with fireworks on Saturday night. The Beaux was scheduled for Sunday this year, but the festival was closed early due to bad weather. They offered to come back and play at a Music in the Park this year. Brenda Jergens will discuss possible dates with them and look for a food truck for the event. It might have to be on a night other than Thursday.

5K Tractor Trot

The majority of the registrations came in the last 7-10 days. There were 6 more runners than last year. There were only 5 kids in the fun run. The t-shirts turned out great. The gross proceeds were \$1630, and net proceeds are \$1122. We need to get the race certified again. The certification costs \$150 for 10 years. Almburg Auctioneering offered to pay for the certification of the race. Debe Fullington will work on the certification process. The trains thought the race started at 9AM. We will make sure they have the updated time next year. If the number of participants increases significantly we may need to switch to chip timing. Waterman might have a timing machine for races that we could rent. Debe Fullington will check with the Waterman Lions to see if that is possible. We need to make sure we have more water – at least two bottles per runner. Dogs will not be permitted at next year's race.

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Fall Garland Fest – Saturday, September 23rd

The event will be from 3 PM – 10 PM.

Erin McNeal will check with the library about their activities and start time.

Joey Broadway will start playing music at 3PM, then host two hours of Music BINGO, and then karaoke.

Silver Bullet Band will play from 7 – 10 PM.

Vendors: Kens Cakes, Cheesecake Ko., Sweet Butts Cotton Candy, and possibly popcorn/nuts.

Garland Accessory Contest – a way to encourage people to embrace the garland theme by making and wearing a garland accessory to Garland Fest. The suggested name is “Garland Faire Contest.”

Erin McNeal will work on flyers/ads/posts.

Outdoor Movie and Cruise Night at Old School Pizza – Saturday, August 12th

Brenda Jergens told people about it at the Malta Days car show and there was a positive response. Since the popcorn maker is in need of repair, we decided to buy big bags of popcorn and box it up beforehand.

Erin McNeal will contact Josh and Molly Holbrook to choose the movie, make the flyer and discuss where to put the screen.

Garden Club

The plant sale went well. Almost \$1,000 was raised. Next year we need better signs designating varieties, especially the peppers. Also, we need to have larger quantities of more common varieties (jalepeno, cherry and sauce tomatoes). Open Garden Day is Saturday, July 29th. The flyer has gone out and we are working on the map. The bouquet pop-up fundraiser will depend on how well the flowers grow. It has been a very dry season so far, and plants are behind.

Financial Report

Balance as of June 14: \$26,048

2023 sponsorships: Sponsors have pledged \$3550.

New Business

It would be helpful for the committee to invest in a tent with weights, two 8 ft. tables, and table covers with the Seedling logo for events. Currently, when we host events we have to borrow tent/tables from community members. Having our own tent/tables would simplify the process of setting up for events. Annette Meares MOTIONED and Jacque Fucilla SECONDED that we buy a tent, two tables, and table covers with a budget of \$2,000. Motion carried. Brenda Jergens will price out options and check with Debbie Lang to see if the village is ordering tables, and if a group order might save money.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 PM

Next Seedling Meeting – July 18th at 5:45 PM at Historical Building

August Seedling Meeting – August 9th at 6pm at Malta Village Hall

DCCF Grant planning meeting – August 16th at 6pm at Remingtons Gastropub