

Midway Renaissance Board Agenda

January 20, 2009

Members Present: Randy Thomas, Pam Thomas, Bob Rathbone, Becky Moore, Sarah Rathbone, Joy Arnold, Phil Gerrow, and Jessica Hartman

Members Absent: Tom Bozarth, Mary Thoreson, Mary Weese, Diana Ratliff, and Dan Roller

Guests Present: John McDaniel

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Needed
Introduction of Main Street Manager Jessica Hartman	<p>Randy introduced Jessica Hartman to the board. Jessica does not formally begin until next Monday, however she has been working in Woodford County part time since she was hired.</p> <p>Jessica informed the board that she is looking for a home in Woodford County and asked anyone with any leads to let he know.</p> <p>Randy reported that he and Jessica met last Friday for lunch to review the activities of Renaissance over the past few years.</p> <p>Jessica commented that she is very impressed with the Midway Renaissance program is and the activities that have been undertaken. She is anxious to build on what has already been accomplished in Midway.</p> <p>Jessica mentioned that she would like to enhance private fundraising efforts for Midway Renaissance. Jessica invited anyone who was interested to join her at a monthly lunch meeting at the Association of Fundraising Professionals.</p>	
Minutes from December 16, 2008	Minutes were accepted as presented.	
Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renaissance • Greenspace • Francisco's Farm 	<p>Sarah reported account balances as of the end of November are as follows: Renaissance \$10,101.11 Greenspace \$1,874.15</p> <p>Renaissance received a \$5,000 contribution from Helen Rentch in December to further the arts and support artists in Midway.</p> <p>Sarah noted that we previously discussed putting part of the money from Renaissance in a savings account or transfer the funds to an interest bearing checking account</p> <p>Marcie was not present at the meeting but submitted a written report and bank account update, which was e-mailed to board members prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>Sarah will find out about putting the funds in an interest bearing account</p>

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	Reports were approved as submitted. (Motion by Becky and second by Joy)	
2009 Kentucky Main Street/Renaissance on Main Guidelines 2009 Work Plan 2009 Estimated Budget Updates Supporting Documentation	<p>Randy noted that the recommended work plan and estimated budget were e-mailed to members prior to the meeting. Randy noted that Pam, Randy, Bob, Sarah, Becky, Joy, and Marcie developed the recommended plan one Saturday a few weeks ago.</p> <p>Randy asked if anyone has any questions about the 2009 Work Plan or the estimated budget . Becky provided some suggested corrections and revisions were made and the revised plan was approved as amended at the meeting. (Motion by Joy second by Becky approved by all).</p> <p>Jessica will assist us in putting the information for submission of the plan together. Randy will complete the application document and will make arrangements for obtaining the other information that will be needed to complete the application.</p>	Randy will complete the form required for the application and will coordinate gathering the information. Jessica will assist in putting the application together.
2008 Main Street Assessment Review	Randy noted that the board received a copy of the 2008 Main Street Assessment provided by Lara Thornberry, and that the regulations require that we review the assessment. The assessment was discussed and reviewed by the board.	
Discussion of purchase of computer for Main Street manager	<p>Randy told the board that Mayor Bozarth contacted him today to ask about the board paying for ½ of the cost of a new laptop computer for the Main Street Manger. Tom noted that that a purchase of a computer was agreed to when Diana Ratliff was president.</p> <p>Jessica reported that she does in fact already have a laptop, which was provided by the Chamber, and that there is already a functioning desktop in city hall in Midway.</p> <p>It was the general consensus that the board is not opposed to purchasing Jessica a new computer, but would like to provide Jessica with time to assess her needs before making a decision about the computer. There may be additional software or hardware purchases that would be more beneficial to her. This item help open for further discussion.</p>	
Meeting w/ Versailles Main Street	Randy asked Jessica to coordinate with the Versailles Main Street Program about setting up a joint meeting with us.	Jessica will follow up with the Versailles program
Regional Main Street Meeting	There is a regional Main Street meeting on January 27 th in Irvine. Jessica will attend the meeting, which is worth ½ credit. It is still unclear how the credits will work with regard to credit for both communities.– Randy and/or Jessica will follow up. Randy also discussed the need to develop a procedure for sharing costs and expenses when Jessica attends meetings and events.	Randy and/or Jessica will follow up to find out about the credits
Member Welcome Packet	Pam noted that the welcome letter and committee descriptions were e-mailed to committee members prior to the meeting. All suggested changes were made. Pam will send the e-mail to members who prefer e-mail and other board members will mail the letters who prefer that method of communication.	
Midway Living History	Becky reported that 26 people attended the last meeting of the Midway Living History	

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Committee	<p>Committee, where Herman Ferrell did a presentation about representing the Midway Pageant.</p> <p>The next meeting of the committee will be February 10th at 6:30 at United Bank. Becky has asked the Women's Club to get some members together to participate in the pageant.</p> <p>Herman provided Becky with a timeline and suggested committee structure to begin putting everything together.</p> <p>Becky mailed the application for the History Award for the Living History Day today. The decision will be made February 6th.</p>	
Francisco's Farm Committee	<p>Marcie was not at the meeting but submitted written reports prior to the meeting.</p>	
Greenspace Committee	<p>Bob reported that the committee met last Thursday at the home of Phil and Nancy Dare. At the meeting, the committee discussed a volunteer project for Martin Luther King Day, however a liability issue has come up with volunteers working on city property so all work at city property is on hold until that is resolved. The committee also discussed identifying old trees in Midway and working to preserve them. Bob reported that he and Randy talked to Charlann Wombles about establishing a reference section in the new Midway library where people could borrow books about native trees and shrubs. The committee talked about continuing work with Northside Elementary, but this must also wait until the liability issue is resolved.</p> <p>Randy and Bob met with Sharon Turner to discuss applying for Transportation grant funding for the pedestrian bridge and trails. Sharon indicated that she is willing to discuss with the Finance Committee of the City whether they would be willing to cost share for a TEA 21 grant, which may be a more appropriate funding source for this project if Safe Routes to School funding is not obtainable. Mayor Bozarth reported to the City Council at its January 5, 2009 Council meeting that he intends to submit another grant application through the Safe Routes to School project. Renaissance has not been asked to provide any assistance with the development and submission of this grant application.</p> <p>The next Greenspace meeting will be February 19th.</p>	
Website	<p>No items to discuss</p>	
Renaissance Governing Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws 	<p>Pam will re-send the by-laws via e-mail again and will ask everyone to provide feedback about what they would like to discuss at the next meeting. Based upon the feedback, a decision will be made whether a special meeting will be necessary.</p>	

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. United Bank.