

Midway Renaissance Board Minutes

February 16, 2010

6:00 p.m.

120 Martin Street, Midway, KY

Members Present: Randy Thomas, Pam Thomas, Joy Arnold, Cecilia Gass, Sarah Rathbone, Blythe Jamieson, Phil Gerrow, Mary Weese

Members Absent: Bob Rathbone, Becky Moore, Mary Thoreson

Guests Present:

Main Street Manager: Marcie Christensen (not in attendance)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Needed
Minutes from January 19, 2010	Approved by consensus as submitted	
Treasurers Report Renaissance Greenspace Francisco's Farm	<p>Sarah reported that the Renaissance account had a balance of \$7,829.40 as of 1/29/2010 and that the Greenspace account balance did not change from the January report (\$1,921.52).</p> <p>Information submitted by Marcie reported a combined balance of \$327.05 in the Francisco's Farm accounts as of 1/29/2010. In an e-mail transmitting the reports, Marcie noted that the sponsorship check for \$10,000 from PNC was received on February 1st and has been deposited in the account. Therefore, the loan approved at the last Renaissance meeting was not necessary. Marcie's e-mail also noted that applications for funding are currently outstanding with Brown-Forman and Toyota.</p>	Motion Joy second Cecelia - Reports approved by consensus
2010 Recertification Application	<p>Randy provided the board with a history of the Renaissance program and the hiring of a Main Street Manager since he has been involved in the board. He summarized the discussions between the council members and Renaissance board members (Randy Thomas, Bob Rathbone, and Becky Moore and Main Street Manager Marcie Christensen) relating to the recertification application, noting that details about the meetings were e-mailed to board members prior to the meeting. The City Council members requested additional information, which was provided by Randy.</p> <p>Randy reported that the group discussed the letter of commitment, noting that he made it clear to the city council representatives that he had been assured by the Heritage Council that signing the letter of commitment did not obligate the city to provide any funding or resources for the Main Street program. Randy offered to sign a separate document making it clear that there is no</p>	

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	<p>expectation that the city will provide any financial support for the Main Street program at this time. An Addendum to the Letter of Support was prepared by the City Attorney and included language indicating Renaissance will currently bear responsibility to the Main Street Manager position. Randy, Marcie and Mayor Bozarth all signed the Letter and the Addendum.</p> <p>It was agreed at the conclusion of the meeting that members of Renaissance and City Council would continue to meet to develop a better long-term relationship. Randy will set up another date for a meeting with Sharon and will let board members know the date so interested members can participate.</p> <p>Randy reported that the recertification application was emailed to the Heritage Council on Monday, February 15 after approval by the city council earlier that evening.</p>	
Renaissance Website	Randy asked if anyone has a problem with having their e-mail linked on the website – there was no opposition.	
Francisco's Farm Arts Committee	Deferred	
Greenspace Committee	Deferred	
Living History Committee	Deferred	
2010 Workplan and Budget	<p>Randy discussed the possibility of holding another retreat or a longer training session/meeting this spring to work on the Renaissance Work Plan and Budget. The focus would be education, strategic planning and long term goals. The group agreed that it would be a good idea to have a retreat in April on a Saturday from 9-3 or so, and that it would be good for us to have a facilitator. Suggested date is April 10th or 17th. Sarah will check with Ouita about the possibility of having the retreat at Holly Hill Inn.</p> <p>Randy distributed a copy of the 2010 draft budget for the board to consider for action at a future meeting. He noted that he prepared the proposed budget as part of the recertification application but discovered that the budget was not required. Joy recommended that if we keep Francisco's Farm imbedded as part of the Renaissance balance that we somehow note that the revenues and expenses for that event are separate and not available for other purposes. Pam suggested that we also designate the portion of the balance remaining from Helen's contribution as committed to a specific purpose.</p> <p>Another of the agenda items for the retreat will be to identify goals for the 4 committees.</p>	
Tourism Ambassadors	Discussion from 1-19-10: Randy asked whether Tami has any idea how Renaissance could be more involved with planning for the Games. Tami suggested that Tami, John, as president of the Business Association, and Randy collaborate to be ready as volunteer opportunities come up. Tami	Joy will check with the Lexington Convention and Visitor's Bureau about holding a class in Midway if

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	<p>noted that the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau offers classes for volunteers to be certified as an ambassador. Being certified involves attending a 4 hour class, taking a test and paying a \$25 fee. It is possible that we could get them to provide a training class in Midway so that people can be certified as ambassadors.</p> <p>Update: Randy noted that he did send an e-mail about this program. He wants to participate and so does Joy. Phil and Cecelia also expressed an interest in participating. Joy will find out whether they would be willing to do a program in Midway, and if so how many people we would need.</p>	<p>there is enough interest.</p>
<p>Recognition of Al Cross and KY Journalism students</p>	<p>Discussion from 1-19-10: Joy suggested that Al Cross and his journalism class should be recognized for the work that they have done in covering Midway. It was agreed that this is a good idea and we will discuss it further at our next meeting. Randy and Joy will work with John on developing some ideas.</p> <p>Update: Randy mentioned to Al that Renaissance would like to recognize and thank them for their efforts in covering Midway. Joy will follow up on some ideas and will report back.</p>	
<p>Renaissance Documents</p>	<p>Randy reported that there are a lot of documents that he has recently been provided with relating to the history of Midway Renaissance relating to planning. He noted that he would like to preserve some of the documents electronically, and for board members to review the documents and be aware of their existence. Joy suggested that the documents be distributed to board members who would agree to read the document and report on the contents at the retreat. Blythe suggested that the documents may be able to be stored at the library.</p>	

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. at 413 Mill Road, Midway, KY