

# Midway Renaissance Board Minutes

## February 17, 2009

### United Bank, Midway, KY

Members Present: Randy Thomas, Becky Moore, Pam Thomas, Dan Roller, Mary Weese, Jessica Hartman, Bob Rathbone, Sarah Rathbone, Joy Arnold

Members Absent: Diana Ratliff, Phil Gerrow, Tom Bozarth

Guests Present: Marcie Christensen

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Needed
Minutes from January 20, 2009	It was noted that there are a couple of typos that need to be corrected. They will be corrected - Becky moved that the minutes be approved with the correction of the typos Bob seconded, the motion, approved unanimously.	<b>Need to correct typos</b>
Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renaissance</li> <li>• Greenspace</li> <li>• Francisco's Farm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah updated the board on checks written during the past month.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The current balance of the Renaissance account is \$9,970.74</li> <li>○ Greenspace balance is \$1,932.86</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Marcie presented an update on the Francisco's Farm accounts and budget (see written report for account balances and expenses) The balance in the combined Francisco's Farm accounts is \$4,587.66.</li> <li>• Booth fees will be coming in and are due mid- March,.</li> <li>• Marcie reported that National City/PNC is definitely in as the lead sponsor for Francisco's Farm for this year at \$10,000.</li> <li>• Randy asked about the Kroger cards – Marcie noted that the statement that she received for December showed a "0" balance, although we had over \$4,000 charged for November – Marcie is looking into this.</li> </ul>	<b>Pam moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mary Weese approved unanimously</b>
2009 Kentucky Main Street/Renaissance on Main Application	<p>Randy noted that the deadline for submission of the application has been extended, but that our application is ready and has been provided to Jessica for compilation, copying and submission.</p> <p>The letter of support from the city was approved by the City Council at the meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Jessica thanked Randy for preparing the bulk of the application and getting everything ready for submission. She told the board that she planned to deliver the applications this week.</p> <p>Randy offered to make a copy of the application available to any board member who would like a copy.</p>	<b>Randy asked Jessica to provide a copy of the application for him after it is compiled and finalized</b>
Manager's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional meeting</li> </ul>	<p>Jessica provided the board members with a written report and contact information.</p> <p>Jessica reported that she has attended one training session and that the credits she</p>	<b>Randy asked Jessica to schedule lunch for he,</b>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting w/Vision Versailles</li> <li>• Art in the Park</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	<p>earned will apply for both communities.</p> <p>Randy asked Jessica for an update on Vision Versailles. Jessica reported that they are moving along, and are adding a few new members, one of which is an architect. The promotions committee of Vision Versailles will be planning an Arts in the Park event in May featuring Woodford County Artists, where they will promote Francisco's Farm. Sharon Hughes is the president of Vision Versailles.</p> <p>Vision Versailles is close to having four functional committees, once that is running smoothly, Jessica will schedule a joint meeting.</p> <p>Randy noted that we need to develop an idea, in conjunction with Vision Versailles, what the expectations for Jessica are.</p> <p>Pam asked Jessica whether she can put together board books for the board and she said that she can.</p> <p>Jessica said she would like to conduct a joint board meeting for the two boards to describe and discuss how to lay a foundation for fundraising.</p> <p>Randy would like for the board to have a fundraising development plan for next year.</p> <p>Marcie asked Jessica about the Arts in the Park event – Jessica said that she would know more after a meeting of the Vision Versailles Promotion committee on Friday.</p> <p>Randy also noted that he would like for Renaissance to have a stronger relationship with the merchants.</p> <p>Mary Thoreson reported that two downtown businesses will be going out of business – Simple Elegance and Soapwerks. She expressed concern that the emptiness of downtown will soon be a detriment to new businesses opening or people coming to Midway to shop. Mary suggested that we place historic plaques on downtown buildings as a way to generate interest and to get people to stop and browse. Mary suggested that this may be a good project for Renaissance to work on with the Merchants Association. Mary asked for ideas about how to bring new businesses into Midway. Jessica suggested that one way to improve the situation immediately would be to get rid of the “for rent” signs and placing other attractive items in those storefronts to make the downtown look better.</p> <p>Marcie suggested that Midway and Versailles work together to identify properties that could be cited, but rather than citing them, offer them some information and/or help to get the buildings cleaned up and improved or repaired.</p>	<p><b>Jessica and Sharon Hughes</b></p> <p><b>Jessica will put together board member handbooks for the board.</b></p> <p><b>Jessica will set a date for a joint meeting to discuss fundraising</b></p> <p><b>Add an agenda item to focus on and plan for revitalizing Main Street</b></p>
Midway Living History	Becky reported that the committee met on February 10 <sup>th</sup> – the Pageant script will be read	<b>Board approved the</b>

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Committee	<p>on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Thoroughbred Theatre. The last meeting was well attended and committees were formed. Networking and Publicity, Production, Casting, and Script. Next meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the bank.</p> <p>The committee also discussed beginning the planning for the next Living History Day, developing a walking tour, and other ideas.</p> <p>Becky reported that the Living History Committee was honored with an award of merit from the Historical Society for the living history day. The presentation of the award will occur at a dinner to be held in March in Frankfort. Bob made a motion to approve \$70 to be expended for members of the Living History Committee to attend the Kentucky Historical Society Awards Dinner, and an additional \$35 for Jessica Hartman to attend on behalf of Midway Renaissance. The motion was seconded by Sarah and approved unanimously.</p>	<p><b>expenditure of \$70 for Living History Committee members to attend the awards dinner and \$35 for Jessica to attend</b></p>
Francisco's Farm Committee	<p>Marcie presented a written report and budget update to the board.</p> <p>Marcie reported that the jury selection for artists was held last week. 150 artists have been accepted and 113 artists were turned away. Marcie noted that the quality of work presented was very good this year.</p>	
Greenspace Committee	<p>The primary issue discussed was the proposed ordinance before the City Council regarding volunteers working on city property. Randy reported that the ordinance was on the agenda for City Council last night for the first reading, although the committee that will consider and discuss the ordinance will not meet until February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Randy asked before the meeting if the first reading could be postponed until after the committee meets. The first reading was tabled last night.</p> <p>Randy reported that the reason offered behind the proposed ordinance was that the insurance carrier for the city is requiring the action.</p> <p>Becky reported that she spoke with Charlann today. Charlann chairs the committee that will consider the ordinance next week, Charlann said that the reason she was supportive of the first reading was to move the process along so that volunteers could begin working again. Becky reported that Charlann is very open to hearing from volunteers about concerns and issues with the ordinance.</p> <p>Pam made a motion that the Renaissance Board ask the President of the board to ask Charlann Wombles as the chairperson of the committee that will consider the ordinance to invite a representative from the League of Cities insurance department to attend the committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Becky and approved unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Randy will contact Charlann and ask her to invite a representative of the Kentucky League of Cities insurance department to attend the committee meeting on Monday evening.</b></p>
Renaissance Bylaws	<p>Pam reported that the only person who sent comments on the bylaws was Becky - she asked that everyone else review the bylaws and be prepared to finalize them at the March meeting.</p>	<p><b>Pam will send the old by-laws and the new by- laws to everyone for review. Board Members will review the by-</b></p>

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	Pam briefly reviewed the contents of the new by laws and asked committee members to respond with comments and suggestions.	<b>laws and will provide comments to Pam at least 1 week before the next board meeting for compilation and redistribution of any issues for discussion</b>

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 @ United Bank, Midway**