

Midway Renaissance Board Minutes

April 22, 2008

Members Present: Diana Queen, Sarah Rathbone, Mary Seeger, Bart Shockley, Pam Thomas, Randy Thomas

Members Absent: Dan Roller, Tom Bozarth, Diana Ratliff, John McDaniel, Mary Thoreson

Guests: Marcie Christensen

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| Minutes | The minutes from March 25 th and from the retreat on April 5 th were reviewed and approved as submitted. | Motion by Diana second by Sarah. The minutes were unanimously approved. |
| Treasurers Report | <p>Bart presented a written report to the committee. He noted that the 2/29/08 report for Greenspace represents the latest information, as there was no activity in March.</p> <p>The balance of the Renaissance account was \$5,444.17 as of 3/31/08 and the balance of the Greenspace account was \$2,104.42 as of 2/29/08.</p> <p>Sarah and Randy provided additional receipts for Greenspace to Bart.</p> <p>Marcie noted that she and Bart need to meet so that she can determine what she needs to provide to him relating to Francisco's Farm and how and in what format the Francisco's Farm financial information should be provided to Bart.</p> <p>Marcie will continue to do the financial reports for Francisco's Farm and will bring a copy of the bank statement each month with her to the Renaissance meeting.</p> | <p>See written reports presented by Bart attached to minutes.</p> <p>Bart and Marcie need to set up a time to meet</p> |
| Francisco's Farm | <p>Marcie provided an update on Francisco's Farm. She told the board that there is still no written agreement with the college but that planning is proceeding in accordance with the proposed agreement.</p> <p>Marcie reported that the college's insurance company is not able to insure for the FF type of event according to Lyen Crews. Marcie has submitted an application to an insurance agent recommended to her in Louisville for an insurance quote for the</p> | See the written report presented by Marcie attached to the Minutes |

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| | <p>event and is awaiting a response. Marcie will send the quote to the Renaissance Board when she gets it.</p> <p>Marcie reported that the City of Midway checking account is closed and that she will provide the City written documentation of this.</p> <p>Marcie reported on the sponsorships to date (See written report from Marcie)</p> <p>Marcie mentioned 2 NEA grants that Renaissance could apply for.</p> <p>Marcie said that over 75 Woodford County artists have been identified to participate in Francisco's Gallery this year – she has heard back from about ½ of them and everyone is excited about participating.</p> <p>Marcie reported that 10 potters will be providing actual serving pieces for sale as part of Tapas Tuesday on April 29th at Holly Hill Inn. Other work by the artists will also be on display and for sale at Holly Hill inn. The Festival will get 50% of the sale price of all pieces sold.</p> <p>Saturday night of the Francisco's Farm Festival will be “slow food night”. Marcie is working with Susie Quick and Mark Williams, who will serve local foods out of theatre. Other restaurants will be recruited to participate.</p> <p>Sarah mentioned that her brother in law is a comedian and could maybe assist with promotions related to comedy if there was interest in that.</p> | |
| Greenspace Committee | <p>Randy reported that 2 bare-rooted trees were planted on Saturday with very few participants and that he was going to help Bob plant the third tree tomorrow.</p> <p>Saturday is Arbor Day in Midway; however, the planning of Arbor Day was not coordinated through Greenspace so not many details are known about what the activities will be conducted.</p> <p>Randy reported that Bob has provided a list of all of the tools owned by Greenspace with photographs so that Renaissance has an inventory of items purchased with various grant funds, and</p> | No action required. |

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| BCC Bicycles and Meeting w/Ryan Asher | <p>where those items are located.</p> <p>Randy reported that 7 bicycles have been donated by the Bluegrass Cycling Club for children at Northside Elementary, and that some members of Greenspace will meet with Ryan Asher, the principal of Northside about how to get the bikes to kids and the scheduling of bicycle safety classes.</p> <p>Pam asked the board about the possibility of providing a stipend to the trained safety instructors for conducting the classes at the school. Sarah suggested that we may be able to get gift certificates at restaurants in Midway as well.</p> <p>Sarah reported that Ouita Michel is now on the tourism commission and that she wants to be more involved and wants Renaissance to be involved as well.</p> | <p>Pam made a motion that up to \$200 be approved as stipend for the bicycle safety instructors. The motion was seconded by Bart and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Sarah will see about getting some restaurant gift certificates for the instructors as well.</p> |
| Suggested Renaissance Events for 2008 (Following the retreat, each board member was to come to the next regular meeting with at least one idea that he or she would be willing to be responsible for if the group decides to proceed with the idea) | <p>Pam - Tour de France (Kentucky Style) – Possible partnership with Holly Hill inn for a bike ride originating in Midway and going through Paris and Versailles. Could be a fundraiser for Renaissance.</p> <p>Sarah – Agreed to work on getting flower pots downtown. She will confer with Mary T. and further develop the idea . Possibly have artists paint the clay pots and have local merchants</p> <p>Mary S – Festival of the Farm – Target to stage the first event in 2009 with planning beginning in 2008. (Pair with Tour de Tulip or other existing event??)</p> <p>Bart – Holiday Home Tour or Front Porch Tour – do in September. Diana – Wants to work with Mary on the Festival of the Farm. Marcie – Will work on getting art in vacant windows downtown. Possibly stage a plen aire event again??</p> <p>Randy – Stronger involvement in the Fall Festival. Establish an event in the woods to get people over there; or something with the distilleries/bourbon etc.</p> <p>Bob (Greenspace) – Work with the library to develop a “native Kentucky section”</p> <p>Other ideas (From Bart and Debra brainstorming) - Sell flower bulbs, pumpkin carving contest, tour and tea of Libby Jones’</p> | <p>Next steps are to determine which things from the list we are going to do and when and to develop a timeframe and plans to stage the events.</p> |

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| | gardens, chili cook-off, summer porch tour of homes, holiday home tour, mystery dinner theater, Halloween parade and costume contest for kids, holiday cake and pie auction, haunted house, high end small antique and art show, Midway Founder's day event, candle light tour of Midway, Lunch with Derby winners at Three Chimneys, | |
| Miscellaneous (Discussion/information not on original agenda) | <p>Bob and Randy will attend Northridge Neighborhood Association meeting on May 9th after City Council to do a presentation about Greenspace.</p> <p>The group discussed trying to get more involvement from the minority community in Renaissance and in other events in the community. Marcie noted that part of the FF recruiting effort involves recruiting a liaison from all organizations in Midway, including all churches, which include the primarily minority churches. Mary suggested that we pursue minority artists as well. Mary reported that the Ministerial Association is also working on this issue.</p> | No action required. |
| Website | <p>Marcie suggested that Renaissance go ahead and put information on the website. If information is provided to Marcie, she will take care of getting the items put up on the page.</p> <p>Pam will work with Marcie to get some basic information ready to put on the website.</p> <p>Diana provided an update on the development of the city website. Because of leadership transitions, progress has been delayed. Diana is in charge of the website design for the city. The mayor has asked Diana to get a group of website designers together to have an informational meeting, which will be next Monday, to have a general discussion of what the city would like to have on the website. Follow up will be proposals from interested individuals. The mayor would like to have Renaissance and the city council involved once they are at the point of having proposals presented.</p> <p>Diana raised the issue of whether Renaissance wants to be a part of the city website and what the relationship will be going forward. Randy said that we will be supportive, but that Renaissance will move on with its website and getting information up.</p> | Pam will work with Marcie to get some basic information ready to put on the website. |

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| Renaissance Calendar | No action at this time. | |
| Program Manager | <p>Randy referenced and e-mail send earlier in the day to Mayor Bozarth, which includes responses provided by Mayor Bozarth via telephone in response to questions sent by Randy relating to the hiring of a main street manager.</p> <p>The issue arose when the proposal to hire a manager to help Midway, Versailles and the County was presented to the City Council by the Chamber of Commerce. The Renaissance Board had no prior knowledge of or involvement in the initiative.(See attached information relating to e-mails between Randy and Mayor Bozarth)</p> <p>Randy reported that Mayor Bozarth told him that the ultimate decision about who is hired will be made by the two mayors and the county judge executive. Renaissance members discussed the fact that the Renaissance By-laws require the Renaissance Board to hire the manager.</p> <p>The board then discussed whether a letter should be sent from the Renaissance Board to City Council on this issue to make sure the Council hears from the Renaissance Board on this issue before a decision is made. It was determined that a letter should be sent. Randy will draft the letter and will circulate the letter to the board before sending it on to the City Council members.</p> <p>One question raised was that the process for hiring a new main street manager could take longer than the 6 months Renaissance has to hire a manager. It was determined that Randy should contact Roger Stapleton.</p> <p>Sarah suggested that we try to contact the Renaissance board in Versailles to see where they stand and what their involvement is. Randy said he would try to find out who the President of the Versailles board is and will contact that person.</p> | <p>Randy will draft a letter from the board to the City Council and will circulate the letter prior to sending the letter to the City Council.</p> <p>Randy will contact Roger Stapleton about the timeframe for hiring a manager.</p> <p>Randy will try to find out the status of the Main Street program in Versailles.</p> |
| Renaissance Board Vacancy | <p>Joy Arnold attended the retreat and indicated her interest in being a board member. It was decided that Randy will ask Mary Thoreson to follow up with Joy to see if she is still interested in being on the board.</p> <p>Pam reported that Dean Langdon may also be interested in becoming a member of the board in the fall.</p> | <p>Pam e-mailed the by-laws to Dean today.</p> |

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| | The board had a general discussion about attendance and the need for members to be active and attend meetings on a regular basis. It is very difficult to make progress when board members do not attend regularly. Thought needs to be given to what if anything the board should do regarding members who do not attend regularly. | |
| Renaissance Bylaws | Discussion deferred to a future meeting. | Pam will begin to work on the bylaws for a future presentation. |
| Renaissance Logo | Discussion deferred to a future meeting. | Pam and Marcie will work on the logo and will have ideas to present to the board at the next meeting. |
| What's in a Name? | Not discussed. | |
| Fundraising | Not discussed. | |
| Renaissance Committees | Deferred to next meeting. | |
| Tour de Tulip | Randy reminded the board that the Tour de Tulip will be held on April 26 th . | No action required. |
| Horsey Hundred | Marcie will replace Bart as a volunteer at the rest stop in Midway. Other volunteers are Diana Ratliff and Bob and Sarah Rathbone. | No action required. |
| Request for Donation from Project Graduation | The board reviewed a request for a donation to Project Graduation from Woodford County High School parent volunteers. Randy noted that we do not have a current "policy" on reviewing donation requests and that the board needs to develop a process for addressing requests for donations in the future. | Pam made a motion that Midway Renaissance donate \$100 to Project Graduation for Woodford County High School. The motion was seconded by Diana Queen and was approved by a vote of 5-1. The contribution is contingent on there being recognition of Midway Renaissance. Bart will send a check in the amount of \$100 WCHS Project Graduation. Randy will notify Donna Farmer and ask about the recognition of Renaissance for our contribution. |
| City Council Newsletter | Not discussed. | |

Next Meeting Date: May 27, 2008