

# Midway Renaissance Board Minutes

May 19, 2009

6:00 p.m.

United Bank, Midway, KY

Members Present: Pam Thomas, Randy Thomas, Phil Gerrow, Bob Rathbone, Sarah Rathbone, Dan Roller, Becky Moore

Members Absent: Mary Weese, Diana Ratliff, Mary Thoreson, Joy Arnold, Tom Bozarth

Guests Present: Marcie Christensen, Helen Rentch

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Needed
Minutes from March 17, 2009 Minutes from April 21, 2009	The minutes for both March 17 <sup>th</sup> and April 21 <sup>st</sup> were unanimously approved. Motion by Pam seconded by Becky.	
Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renaissance</li> <li>• Greenspace</li> <li>• Francisco's Farm</li> </ul>	Sarah reported that the account balances at the end of April were as follows: Renaissance – \$9,790.21 Greenspace - \$1,932.86  Marcie reported that the Francisco's Farm account balances as of the end of April were \$35,152.30 Becky moved that the reports be approved, motion seconded by Randy and unanimously approved.	
Main Street Manager Vacancy/Status of Interlocal Agreement	Randy reported that he met with Mayor Bozarth before the meeting to discuss the Main Street Manager position. Mayor Bozarth suggested the exploration of a partnership among between the City, Renaissance and the Merchant's Association to hire our own manager. Mayor Bozarth said that the City would contribute \$15,000 and suggested that Renaissance and the Merchants contribute \$7,500 each to support a position in Midway. Randy asked for volunteers to join him in exploring this option further with the City and the Merchants Association. Dan agreed to work with Randy to discuss this issue further with the City and the Merchant's Association.  Randy reported that Mayor Bozarth told him that the county was no longer going to participate in supporting a joint Main Street Manager and that the City of Versailles is apparently going its own way.	<b>Randy and Dan will participate in further discussions.</b>
Community Arts Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of suggested events</li> <li>• Partnership with Thoroughbred Theater</li> </ul>	Randy asked Marcie and Helen to talk about some of the ideas they have regarding literary arts programs in Midway and the plans that have been made. Marcie reminded the board that Helen donated \$5,000 to Renaissance to promote and support literary programs. Marcie reported that Crystal Wilkinson helped them to get in touch with Gurney Norman, the Kentucky Poet Laureate, who has agreed to present a workshop and program in August, and Crystal Wilkinson has also agreed to present a workshop and program along with her	

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	<p>husband Ron, who is a visual artist. The programs will be presented at the Thoroughbred Theater and many details still need to be worked out. These events would not be fundraisers – the primary objective is to expose the community to Kentucky writers and not to raise money.</p> <p>Sarah noted that if the dates were set prior to Francisco’s Farm, that we could publicize the workshops then.</p> <p>Sarah suggested that we explore collaborating with Labrot &amp; Graham if we want to do some sort of bourbon-related fundraising and noted that Holly Hill sometimes has readings there with different authors reading in different rooms and people rotating from room to room.</p>	
Fundraising Partnership w/ Thoroughbred Theater	<p>Marcie suggested exploring a partnership with the Theater for fundraising events that will benefit both organizations. The board generally agreed that this is an idea that should be further explored. Pam and Marcie agreed to work on this.</p>	<p><b>Pam and Marcie agreed to pursue this idea.</b></p>
Greenspace Committee	<p>Bob reported that there is an Woodford County High School AP biology class that will be doing a creek survey on Susan Coates’ property on Thursday with support from Third Rock Consulting.</p> <p>The tree walk is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>. Bill Townsend from UK will be there to talk about the trees and urban forestry. Everyone will meet at 9:30 Northside school.</p> <p>The creek walk that was cancelled last weekend will likely be rescheduled in October.</p> <p>The next Greenspace meeting has not yet been scheduled.</p> <p>Becky asked whether anyone knows anything about whether the city applied for funding for the pedestrian bridge – Randy said he would find out.</p>	<p><b>Randy will ask whether the city has applied for funds for the pedestrian bridge in the woods.</b></p>
Francisco’s Farm Committee	<p>Marcie brought copies of the prints for Francisco’s Farm to show board members and noted that they will be for sale at Damselfly Gallery until the festival.</p> <p>Marcie reported that Slow Food Bluegrass will be offering vegetables, wraps, and salads, if approved by the college. Marcie will be presenting the proposal to the college for approval. The college has already agreed to Jake’s Crab Cakes and Repecci’s Italian Ice.</p> <p>WLEX TV will once again be the television sponsor and United Bank provided \$1,875 and Nancy Barron has agreed to a sponsorship of \$2,500 to have her name on the water bottles.</p>	

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	<p>Marcie suggested that everyone stop by PNC (National City) in Versailles to see the Francisco's Farm display there.</p> <p>There is also an exhibit at First United Methodist Church in Frankfort with 35 artists participating. The opening reception will be on June 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Becky said that we have to fill out an encroachment permit and a map where banners will be located on US 62 and turn those in to the District 7 office. Becky will complete the forms and submit them.</p>	
<p>Midway Living History Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midway Pageant</li> <li>• Living History Day</li> </ul>	<p>Becky reported that the next meeting is June the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Bank to review the reading and talk about next steps for the pageant. Becky has several ideas.</p> <p>Blythe will talk about a walking tour and the committee will try to set a date for Living History day ... maybe involving the merchants and activities for kids, like a treasure hunt.</p>	
<p>Horsey Hundred</p>	<p>Horsey hundred is this weekend ....Pam has been e-mailing with all concerned.</p>	
<p>By Laws</p>	<p>Pam made a motion that the by-laws be amended to remove any requirement that anyone solely by virtue of their position or office (ex-officio)be members of the board. The consensus is that all Board members should want to be members and not required to be. The number of total Board members would not change. The motion was seconded by Phil and approved unanimously.</p> <p>The by-laws as amended received the first reading.</p>	
<p>Tour de Tulip – follow up</p>	<p>Not discussed.</p>	

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. @ United Bank, Midway**