

# Midway Renaissance Board Agenda

September 15, 2009

6:00 p.m.

413 Mill Road, Midway, KY

Members Present: Randy Thomas, Pam Thomas, Bob Rathbone, Sarah Rathbone, Phil Gerrow, Becky Moore, Mary Weese

Members Absent: Joy Arnold, Mary Thoreson, Dan Roller, Diana Ratliff

Guests Present: Marcie Christensen

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Needed
Minutes from August 18, 2009	<b>Becky</b> suggested that the minutes be amended to add comments that she made regarding the reasons to be a part of the Main Street Program other than the money, including the networking, resources and programmatic history. With this addition, the minutes were approved by consensus.	<b>Minutes as amended approved by consensus.</b>
Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renaissance</li> <li>• Greenspace</li> <li>• Francisco's Farm</li> </ul>	<b>Sarah</b> reported the balances of the accounts as follows Renaissance - \$8,830.75 Greenspace - \$1,921.52 Francisco's Farm combined balances - \$9,898.12  <b>Marcie</b> reported that there are still a couple of outstanding invoices, including the amounts owed to the college. <b>Marcie</b> noted that she had previously e-mailed the financial report and monthly narrative to the board.	<b>Financial reports were approved by consensus</b>
Becky Gorman, KY Main Street Coordinator (Invited)	<b>Randy</b> reported that <b>Becky Gorman</b> has not yet responded to e-mails or telephone calls asking her to attend our meeting. He will try again.	<b>Randy will follow up with Becky Gorman.</b>
Proposed City, Merchants, Renaissance Agreement to hire a Tourism Director	To start the discussion, <b>Randy</b> noted that our options are to accept the proposal as presented, to say no to the proposal without offering another alternative, or to make a counter-proposal. It was agreed that the board is not in favor of the proposal presented.  It was the consensus of the board that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no interest in supporting a proposal that will not continue Midway's participation in the Main Street Program.</li> <li>• Our by-laws require that we participate in the selection of the manager and in determining the duties of the manager in relation to Renaissance. There is no interest in supporting and funding a position where we are not significantly involved in the hiring and management.</li> <li>• We do not have sufficient details about the proposal to make an informed decision.</li> <li>• We plan to take the steps necessary to maintain Midway's</li> </ul>	<b>Randy will write a letter to Mayor Bozarth on behalf of the board</b>

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	<p>participation in the Main Street Program and hope that the city will continue to support Renaissance and the Main Street Program in any way that it can.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regardless of the outcome, it is the intention of the Renaissance Board to work with the merchants and the city to support the development of tourism in Midway.</li> </ul>	
Francisco's Farm Arts Committee	<p><b>Marcie</b> submitted written reports which included a narrative and financial reports.</p> <p><b>Marcie</b> reported that Renaissance has a booth at fall festival and is in need of people to work.</p>	
<p>Midway Living History Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Midway Pageant</li> <li>Living History Day</li> <li>Historic Walking Tour</li> </ul>	<p><b>Becky</b> reported that they are working on a walking tour guide starting with the buildings downtown. Debut will be Midway Living History Day. <b>Becky</b> thanked Blythe Jamieson for putting together the walking tour. <b>Phil</b> asked about a walking tour and residential properties. <b>Becky</b> responded that the project can be expanded after Living History Day to include residences and other structures in Midway. The immediate goal was to produce a tour that could be completed by November 14<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Becky</b> is trying to identify who is interested in having tables at Living History Day so she can compile a list. There will also be a scavenger hunt for kids. <b>Margaret Ware Parrish</b> will be honored as this year Midway Living History Award winner.</p>	<p><b>Randy will contact Ryan Asher about the scavenger hunt</b></p>
Greenspace Committee	<p><b>Bob</b> reported that he wrote a letter for Third Rock Consulting identifying the support they have provided to Renaissance in the past.</p> <p><b>Marcie, Becky, Randy</b> and <b>Bob</b> met at a couple of sites to discuss the possibility of applying for Brownfield grants. It was the Committee's opinion that this round of grants are not suitable for Midway. <b>Marcie</b> left the books relating to applying for the grants with <b>Randy</b>.</p>	<p><b>Marcie will bring the print for Bob to provide to Third Rock as a thank you</b></p>
<p>Community Arts Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writer's Workshop</li> </ul>	<p><b>September 15<sup>th</sup></b> –<b>Marcie</b> reported that the Gurney Norman writer's workshop and dinner is full at this point. Scholarships were provided for a Midway College student and several high school students (Woodford County, Western Hills and Franklin County high schools). <b>Marcie</b> will be promoting the event in Midway, focusing on the public reading at 8 pm at the theater.</p> <p><b>Marcie</b> requested donations of dessert for the public reading.</p>	<p><b>Need donation of desserts for the public reading</b></p>
Collaboration with Midway Merchants	<p><b>Bob</b> asked what happened with the shop hop on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. <b>Randy</b> said that <b>Grayson</b> sent him a follow up e-mail about the shop hop and <b>Randy</b> responded asking what we could do to help. There was no response from</p>	<p><b>Randy and Becky will set up a meeting with Grayson to discuss future plans.</b></p>

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	<p><b>Grayson.</b> There was discussion about further follow up with <b>Grayson</b> to collaborate on future projects. <b>Randy</b> will start copying <b>Grayson</b> on our meeting notices.</p>	
Community Arts Donation	Carried forward to October meeting – insufficient time.	
Old Midway Library Building	<p><b>Randy</b> reported that he attended a City Council Committee meeting at the Old Midway Library on Monday, September 14. Committee members <b>Sharon Turner</b> (Committee Chair), <b>Charlann Wombles</b> and <b>Aaron Hamilton</b> were present. This Committee is charged with exploring possible uses of the Old Library which is owned by the City. At the most recent City Council meeting <b>Marcie</b> asked if the Council would consider a proposal from Renaissance to lease the Old Library at the same lease rate that it had been for the Woodford County Library. Renaissance was encouraged to attend the Council Committee meeting. In short, <b>Randy</b> explained that the Committee identified three possibilities for the Old Library Building. One is to sell the building, another is to rent or lease it to a commercial or business enterprise and the third is leasing it to a community organization (or organizations). The three Council members voiced their general opposition to selling the property and appear very interested in pursuing the idea of the building being used as a “community center” of some sort. The Committee did not want to pursue “advertising” the building (for rent or lease) at this time, but may have a sign erected in front of the building to direct individuals interested in renting or leasing the building to call City Hall.</p> <p><b>Randy</b> and the Committee discussed the possibility of the building being used by a variety of community organizations. One thing made clear by the Committee is that they would not want the City to be responsible for the day to day operation of the building as a community site. <b>Sharon</b> inquired if Renaissance (if it comes to this) would consider being the lead organization responsible for management. <b>Randy</b> responded that Renaissance would certainly be willing to consider it. Sharon pointed out that this is just the first exploratory meeting and there will be many questions (on both sides) and the Committee will keep Renaissance up to date. <b>Randy</b> suggested (to the Council Committee) that all interested “community groups” be gathered to discuss interest and feasibility.</p>	
Midway Renaissance Board Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequency</li> <li>• Agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mary S.</b> reported that the Ministerial Association, in conjunction with some other interested individuals will be doing a short (20 question) survey to try to identify community needs, focusing on getting opinions from people who otherwise may not provide input.</p>	<p><b>Mary</b> will e-mail <b>Marcie</b> the proposed questions and will offer Renaissance a chance for input.</p>

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. at 413 Mill Road, Midway, KY (Pam and Randy's house)**