

Midway Renaissance Board Minutes

October 21, 2008

Members Present: Tom Bozarth, John McDaniel, Sarah Rathbone, Dan Roller, Randy Thomas, Pam Thomas, Mary Weese,

Members Absent: Mary Thoreson, Diana Queen, Diana Ratliff, Joy Arnold

Guests: Marcie Christensen, Becky Moore,

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Minutes	Randy noted that minutes were mailed previously and asked if there were any corrections or amendments, there being none, the minutes were approved by consensus.	Minutes were accepted by consensus
Treasurers Report	<p>Sarah provided a treasurer's report. She said that since last month, one check was written on the Renaissance account to the Woodford Co Chamber for \$85 for membership dues. The Renaissance bank balance as of the end of September is \$5,373.53</p> <p>Sarah reported that Greenspace had a couple of checks written this month - One check was written to Stacy Borden the amount of \$100 for the rain garden work shop. The other was written to Bob Rathbone as reimbursement for various expenses for the rain garden and work at Walter Bradley Park in the amount of \$107. The Greenspace account balance is \$1,954.15.</p> <p>Marcie reported that the Francisco's Farm account balance was \$13,479.16 on Sept 30th. She noted that there will be deposits starting in November from application fees and sponsorships.</p>	Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.
Completion of Tax Returns	<p>Pam reported that John Scott will be finished with the tax returns soon – he said that the records are in good shape and that he and Marcie are working on answering his last few questions, and that the returns will be ready by the November 15 due date.</p> <p>Pam made a motion that the amount of \$125 be approved to purchase a gift certificate for John Scott for preparing our tax returns for free. Motion was seconded by Randy and unanimously approved.</p>	Motion to purchase a gift certificate for John Scott was unanimously approved.

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Manager Update	<p>Randy reported that Dan Brenyo appeared before the Midway City Council on Monday night to discuss the interlocal agreement to hire the main street manager. The council did not vote on Monday to approve the funding or the agreement, but Dan will appear before the council again in 2 weeks, at which time the council is expected vote on both the appropriation of funds and the approval of the interlocal agreement. Randy noted that the position in Midway will have been open again for 90 days at the end of November. He also noted that it is possible that another 90 days will be allowed for us to retain our certification if progress is being made toward hiring a manager.</p> <p>Dan (Roller) asked if the state has approved having a split manager and Randy responded that they do not approve the positions, but their concern is whether the manager serves the 20 hours in each community.</p> <p>Mayor Bozarth noted that it is his desire that the collaboration among the governmental entities around this endeavor serve as a model for cooperation and collaboration for other communities.</p> <p>Randy told the committee that Dan Brenyo would like to get the Midway Renaissance group together with the Versailles main street group. No details have been developed yet – Randy will provide the details when they have been worked out.</p>	<p>Randy will follow up with Dan Brenyo and/or Tami Vater to arrange a date and time for the Versailles and Midway main street groups to get together.</p>
Main Street Regional Assessment Meeting	<p>Randy noted that he e-mailed the board members about the regional assessment meeting previously. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th at 2 pm in Midway. The place has not yet been designated but Randy will let everyone know where. All board members are invited to attend.</p>	
Meeting w/Tami Vater and Dan Brenyo	<p>Tami Vater officially begins as the Executive Director at the Woodford County Chamber of Commerce next Monday. Tami has been involved in the Main Street program since its inception, and will therefore be a very good support for Midway Renaissance and the Versailles Renaissance program. Dan Brenyo suggested that we set up a meeting with Tami as a “meet and greet”.</p> <p>Randy will work on the details.</p>	<p>Randy will work on setting up a meeting with Tami Vater</p>
Training Credit Update	<p>Randy reported that Becky Gorman from the state Main Street Program sent a credit spreadsheet that reflected 1.5 credits for Midway. John provided certification that he attended the Kentucky Heritage Council training, which provides additional credits. John also recently attended</p>	

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	<p>an event in Georgetown which was worth ½ credit. So the board is good on its credits for this year.</p> <p>Randy thanked John for attending the various training events (and everyone applauded!!!)</p>	
Midway Living History Committee	<p>Becky Moore provided an update on the Living History Day. Becky distributed flyers that will be inserted in the paper on Friday and a copy of the program for the event.</p> <p>There will be 19 tables for display of historical items. Becky asked for help from board members early in the morning for set and after the event for breakdown as well.</p> <p>Becky reported that Coach Allin's wife will be coming home from the hospital on Saturday and that he may not be able to be at the event. If not, Ken Alexander will accept the honor on behalf of Coach Allin.</p> <p>Becky asked anyone who knows players that were coached by Coach Allin to please call them and ask them to be there at 3 pm for the program.</p> <p>Marcie reported that Al Cross will have 3 of his rural journalism students in attendance as well.</p> <p>The next meeting for the living history committee is scheduled for November 17th at 6pm at the bank. The meeting will be devoted to developing ideas for the next committee projects, and determining a priority and order for the different activities.</p> <p>Randy thanked Becky, Helen and Marcie for their work on this project.</p>	
Francisco's Farm Committee	<p>Marcie reported that Francisco's Farm raised \$375 at the yard sale on September 20th. Marcie is distributing bookmarks and promotional items around the region. Distribution so far is broader than ever before. Marcie received an urgent request for pictures for 2009 from American Style Magazine a few weeks ago. She said that we won't know if we made the Top 10 again until December.</p> <p>The application fees for artists will be increased slightly but booth fees will be graduated with lower fees for earlier applications.</p> <p>The committee decided to commission Carol Bowles to do the artwork again for 2009. In addition to tee shirts and bags, limited edition, signed prints will also be sold.</p>	

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	<p>In an effort to be “greener,” water will be distributed using coolers and cups.</p> <p>Marcie reported that she is concerned about fundraising in the current economic climate.</p> <p>Randy reported that the contract with the college for the 2009 event has been signed.</p>	
Greenspace Committee	<p>Randy reported that the city was officially notified that we did not get the Safe Routes to Schools grant.</p> <p>The big Greenspace event since the last board meeting was the development of the rain garden at the Midway Women’s Club. The rain garden has been registered with the Bluegrass Alliance, which has a goal to have 2010 rain gardens built by 2010.</p> <p>Randy reported that city workers and others met at the woods a few weeks ago to widen and clear the trails. City workers brought heavy equipment to address some of the issues that required more than can be done on regular trail-clearing days.</p>	
2008 Membership Meeting	<p>Randy asked board members to be at the meeting if possible to help greet people – We will have various documents for people to review – our goal is to talk to people about Renaissance and the projects we want to pursue.</p> <p>Pam presented a draft Renaissance brochure. It was decided that 100 color copies should be printed initially. Marcie will take the brochure to Lynn Imaging.</p> <p>Pam also distributed copies of the ballots and membership forms that will be available at the meeting.</p> <p>Randy recognized Diana and John, whose terms on the board expire after this meeting. Randy thanked them both, and said that the board will recognize them more appropriately soon.</p>	
Website	<p>Randy thanked Marcie for updating the website and noted that the content for Renaissance is much improved.</p> <p>Marcie presented a proposal from her company, CompassRoseWorks, to provide Web Site Design and Maintenance for Renaissance. The proposal was distributed for review by the board. The proposal will be further discussed at the next board meeting.</p>	

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	<p>Dan asked whether Renaissance will be abandoning Midwayky.net. Randy responded that this is what we have previously discussed with the city. Randy said that having the separate domain names could actually increase activity for both sites.</p>	
<p>Renaissance Governing Documents * Bylaws * Restated Articles</p>	<p>Pam told the group that if the restated articles of incorporation will be filed with the Secretary of State, if approved.</p> <p>Pam suggested that the board begin considering the revised by-laws at the beginning of 2009.</p>	

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m.