

Midway Renaissance Board Minutes

November 18, 2008

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

Members Absent: Diana Ratliff, Mary Thoreson, Phil Gerrow, Tom Bozarth

Guests: Marcie Christensen, John McDaniel

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Needed
Election of Board Officers	Randy noted that he sent a notice about officer elections so everyone should have been expecting the election. He reported that he, Pam and Sarah have agreed to continue serving in their current positions, and that Becky is willing to serve as Vice President.	Dan made a motion to accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded by Sarah and approved unanimously by the board.
Minutes	Randy reported that he amended the minutes as e-mailed. He said that he clarified information included in the minutes about the website to note that Marcie actually created a website for us, and that she did not just add information to an existing website. Minutes were accepted as amended by Randy..	Minutes approved unanimously
Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renaissance • Greenspace • Francisco's Farm 	<p>Sarah reported that the Greenspace had no activity since the last meeting. The account balance is \$2,071.55 with no anticipated expenditures.</p> <p>For Renaissance, expenditures since the last meeting were as follows: \$731.52 for Living History Day, (Newspaper was \$430 of that amount), \$62.50 to Holly Hill for gift certificate for John Scott, , \$8 filing fee for restated articles, \$85 for Chamber membership, deposit for membership dues was \$725leaving a balance of \$4,622.53.</p> <p>Marcie reported that the Francisco's Farm balance is \$9,976.43. Expenditures were approximately \$3,600 since the last meeting to pay event coordinator, for supplies, and for advertising.</p>	Joy moved, Dan seconded approval of the report. Board voted unanimously to accept.
Completion of Tax Returns	Pam reported that the tax returns have been completed and were filed on November 13 th . It was agreed that we should also offer John Scott an honorary membership. It was also noted that we should remember to	

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	include the in-kind service that John provided when we reflect contributions to Renaissance	
Honoring John and Diana	Randy said that the consensus of the board members was to have a pot luck get together at someone's home and that we will invite other members and past members as well. Becky volunteered to host the event at her house. Randy suggested that we have the event on a Tuesday evening to accommodate John and Diana's schedules. December 9 th at 7 pm was selected as the date and time. Pam will do invitations and Becky will coordinate food. Past board members will be invited as well as city council members.	Becky will get Pam names and addresses (if possible) for former board members, Pam will work on invitations, and Becky will coordinate food for the event
Manager Update	<p>Randy reported that he talked to Tami Vater for quite a while last week about the Main Street Manager position. She was hoping to have the agreement finalized and ready for consideration by Midway City Council at the meeting last night, however there were additional changes that needed to be made. Randy attended the meeting but the agreement was not on the agenda. He spoke with Mayor Bozarth, who reported that the Woodford County Fiscal Court will vote on the agreement next week, followed by Midway and Versailles the following week. The position is currently being advertised and resumes have been received.</p> <p>Marcie asked what happens regarding certification of Midway Renaissance. Randy said that he thinks we're fine, but he does have a call in to Becky Gorman to confirm that this is the case.</p>	
Membership Update	<p>Pam reported that we currently have 72 paid members, and that memberships are still trickling in. She asked about whether the membership form is still on the website and Marcie said that she would check and will make sure there is a link there if one does not exist. Marcie also said that she would add the PO Box to the form so that people will know where to send the forms.</p> <p>Becky suggested creating a "welcome to Renaissance" packet for the members who signed up. Pam agreed to prepare something for the board to consider at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Pam will work on a "welcome to Renaissance" communication from the Renaissance Board</p> <p>Pam will e-mail the membership list to the board.</p>
Main Street Regional Assessment Meeting	Randy reported that he, Joy, John, Tom and Dan met with Tami Vater and Laura Thornberry (main street manager in Winchester) and a board member from the Chamber. They reviewed our current plan. The meeting went well, and they were impressed that we were able to carry on without a dedicated person to assist. Laura will send a written report, which Randy will share when he receives it. John said that the review process is new, and that this is the first time that the review has been done but that it will probably be instituted as standard procedure going forward. Randy is not yet sure what we will need to submit for	

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2009 Work Plan and Budget	<p>recertification.</p> <p>Randy mentioned that we will need to begin thinking about our 2009 work plan and budget. We will spend some time talking about the plan at the December meeting. These documents will need to be finalized in January.</p> <p>Randy noted that there are some items in our current plan that we have not addressed and that revisions are needed. He noted that the plan can be amended as needed.</p>	<p>Randy will send the 2008 work plan and budget for everyone to review in preparation for development of the new plan</p>
Meeting w/ Versailles Main Street	<p>No new information to report - Randy informed the board that the Versailles group met for the first time a few weeks ago, and that we're running out of time to set something up for this year. Becky suggested that we wait until we have our work plan done and a manager hired before we set up the meeting. Randy said that he could invite their members to attend our next meeting if they are interested. Dan stressed the importance of establishing open communication with the Versailles group.</p>	
<p>Midway Living History Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008 Living History Day • Projects for 2009 and Beyond 	<p>Becky reported that there was a lot of positive feedback about the Living History Day. She apologized for going over the budget.</p> <p>Becky distributed information from the Living History Committee meeting held last night. The purpose of the meeting last night was to identify future projects for the Committee. Herman Ferrell attended the meeting – he is a theater professor at UK – he has become interested in recreating a pageant held in Midway in the 1930's that thousands of people attended. Becky reported that Herman and Helen have a scrapbook that includes the script from the 1933 pageant and that they would recreate that with a session following identifying issues not addressed as part of the original pageant (African American history was not included in the original pageant).</p> <p>The history committee will not meet again until January 13th at 6:30 pm at the Midway Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Herman is going to help Becky write a proposal to describe the project so that the committee can consider the project more thoroughly at that meeting. If the project is adopted, there would be a read through of the script from the pageant in February to let people see what is there, and to generate interest. Several people would be invited to attend.</p> <p>The committee wants to make the History Day an annual event – there are many ideas to involve the grade school children in the project in the future. Details will follow.</p>	

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	<p>The colored school reunion project has been tabled for the time being. There does not appear to be a lot of interest among the committee members to coordinate and organize the event.</p>	
Francisco's Farm Committee	<p>Randy will forward Marcie's October reports to the board. Marcie reported that National City will remain the lead sponsor for the 2009 festival. Marcie reported that the planning committee decided at the last meeting that any balance in Francisco's Farm accounts on August 31st in excess of \$20,000 after payment of expenses will be turned over to the general fund of Renaissance.</p> <p>Marcie has \$5 Kroger gift cards for purchase by people who would like to support Francisco's Farm – Francisco's Farm will receive 4% of the proceeds each time the cards are recharged.</p> <p>Marcie said that she has been referring to the committee as the Francisco's Farm Arts Committee because she sees the committee's jurisdictional area as broader than just the festival. She would like the committee to undertake other arts projects as need and interest arise. For example, the committee could pursue the barn quilt project. There are a number of groups willing to help with the project, but no group has yet to take responsibility to organize and coordinate the project.</p> <p>Marcie reported that there is a potential anonymous donor who is interested in starting an artist relocation program in Midway or to persuade existing artists to remain in Midway. The donor is interested in gallery space, and art workshops. There are a number of blighted properties in Midway that are potential sites for a program like this. It was suggested that this project be incorporated as part of the work plan for Renaissance for 2009.</p>	<p>Add the artist relocation plan, rehabilitation of blighted properties for artists to the work plan for 2009</p> <p>This project should also be discussed with Versailles, the county and the Chamber</p>
<p>Greenspace Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Routes to School Grant • Women's Club Rain Garden 	<p>Bob reported that Greenspace met on Thursday November 6th, at that meeting, it was decided that Randy will approach the new City Council to see if there is any interest in pursuing at T21 Grant., which is a more appropriate funding source for the project. The T21 grant requires cost sharing, which can be provided as an 9n-kind contribution.</p> <p>Bob asked if there was some way that the Board can thank Third Rock Construction for the free work they did in preparing for the rain garden at the Women's Club. Randy will write a letter thanking Third Rock and Becky will frame a copy of the watercolor painting by Missy Trumbow to send as well. In addition, Farmbucks will be provided.</p> <p>Randy noted that a sign needs to be installed at the rain garden site thanking everyone involved in constructing the rain garden. Bob</p>	

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	indicated that the Women's Club is going to have the sign created. Next Greenspace meeting is December 11 th at 6:30.	
Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CompassRoseWorks Proposal 	Pam made a motion that we reserve the domain name "midwayrenaissance.org" for 5 years, at a cost of approximately \$50, that we pay the web hosting fee for 1 year, at approximately \$50, and that Marcie's proposal on behalf of CompassRoseWorks to provide webmaster services for 1 year at \$50 per month be approved for one year. The total approximate cost is \$700. The motion was seconded by Sarah. Approved unanimously.	Pam will prepare a written document reflecting the agreement with Marcie for these services.
Renaissance Governing Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws • Restated Articles 	Pam reported that the Restated Articles were filed with the Secretary of State's Office, and that the proposed draft of the revised by-laws will be distributed again to the committee members for consideration at a meeting early in 2009.	

Next Meeting Date: December 16th @ 6:00 p.m. at United Bank