

GPCCA Meeting Minutes
Oct 5, 2022
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Present: KaCee Bloom, Cindy Brusch, Jef Bryant, Marie Bryant, Sharon Fritsch, Colin Kolb, Gail Kolb, Trish Lindaman, Tracy Mund, Nancy Nickel

Appreciations: To **Sharon** for all her multi-tasking: bringing the organization back to life, painting the marquee board, and writing and getting grants. To **Nancy and Cindy** for organizing the Community Potluck. To **Jef and Marie** for getting internet and ductwork quotes. Thanks to All!

September Minutes were accepted.

Board Member roles/jobs:

- Sharon will stay on as President until the end of the school year (June 2023).
- David will stay on as Treasurer. The group requests that he provide a balance sheet for each meeting.
- Nancy is checking into the possibility of the Association getting some sort of intern or apprentice to help with administrative tasks, social media, monitor use agreements, fund raising, etc. Not sure if the position would be unpaid volunteer, or if we can get funding to pay a stipend. This would be a good opportunity for someone to gain non-profit experience. In the meantime, Jef will update the Facebook page, and Tracy will help with flyers.

Elections:

Casey Bloom and Marie Bryant were nominated, seconded, and approved to be board members. Welcome!!!

Grants Update:

- Sharon applied for a Ford Family Neighborhood grant for the furnace duct work.
- Thank You letters were signed for the drama grants received this summer.
- Sharon will be applying for a window and front deck grant. The preliminary window bid is \$8,000; waiting for a deck bid.

Building & Grounds Maintenance Update:

- **Furnace duct work** bid by Grant County Heating & Cooling (\$6,326) was accepted via email vote by board members. Will need to coordinate the project so it doesn't interfere with any upcoming planned events, but they tentatively thought end of Nov/first of Dec. We need to send the company 75% up front in order to schedule the work. We can cover this even if we don't receive grant money.
- Sharon contacted Field's Tree Service to clean out the **gutters** and install Christmas lights when he gets a break from tree work.
- **Electrical** work: David installed an outside motion detector light, lights going to the basement and upstairs, and updated the circuitry sheet in the breaker box. He suggested that the light switches in the main room be updated to 20 amps to match their circuit breakers (\$50). He will set up the ladder and see what's needed to change out the light bulbs in the large globe lights in the main room to something brighter; depending on what he finds, we may have to hire someone. He suggested adding a light to the stage area, and portable 'stage' lights that could be plugged into the balcony; he will check into costs for both (which would be funded under the drama grants). He will check into replacing the light in the marquee board.

- **Internet:** Marie presented the costs of getting an internet connection. Sharon offered to increase her monthly donation to cover the monthly cost, if the Association pays for any installation fees needed. We should be able to use the current router. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to go with the 50 MPS service for \$95.95/mo, plus associated taxes. Jef and Marie will contact Ortelco to set up the service.

Candidate Forum, Oct 18: Come at 6pm to help set up chairs; forum starts at 7pm. We have coffee and cups, and the high school HomeEc class will provide 4 trays of cookies. We're not yet sure which candidates will be participating. Two high school students will moderate the meeting, and Nancy will put together the questions/script for them. Tracy agreed to put together a flyer to have available at the front door with general information about the Association. Jef will update our Facebook page to include this and other upcoming events.

Kids Halloween Party, Oct 29: Come at 1pm to help set up. KaCee went through an itemized list of what would be needed, depending on how many kids showed up. Nancy is donating \$100 towards the cost, which should cover most of it. The party will be from 2:30 to approximately 4:30pm, targeting 3 to 12 year olds, with cookie decorating (5 dozen cookies) and a TBD movie. Sharon will get the word out at school, and will ask the HomeEc class if they would mix up the colored frosting for the cookies. Jeff will add the event to the Facebook page to hopefully get some RSVPs for a tentative head count. Nancy will ask Prairie Baptist if we can use their popcorn machine.

Christmas on the Prairie, Nov 19: The bazaar will be held at the school, which leaves the Community Center available for other activities. Julie Reynolds hopes to do a play in the afternoon before Santa shows up, followed by the 'Polar Express' movie hosted by the Cheerleaders. We could possibly also do cookie decorating in the morning. We will discuss other activities at the next meeting.

New Years Eve: Fireworks are happening early in the evening. We could possibly host something (hot chocolate and cookies?) in the Community Center before or afterwards.

2023 Yard Sale: 'Someone' (*unsure who*) will ask the Senior Center and Prairie Baptist if they're planning yard sales next year, to see if we can tag onto the same weekend. We still need someone to take the lead (map, social media, signups, etc).

Financials

Not much activity over the last month except the usual autopays. Balances: \$29,366 in savings, \$2,122 in checking, \$706 in Paypal, and a \$4,000 CD.

Next Meeting: Nov 2, 2022