LaCrosse Community Pride

Board of Directors meeting 06/17/2022

Present were: Paige, Peggy, Kathleen, Leslie, Kelli, Jeff

Jeff called the meeting to order at **7:00am**

Board members were having difficulty opening the minutes from the last meeting so minutes were **NOT** approved. They will be presented again at the next meeting to be approved.

**Treasurer's Report (Paige):**

* Bills were presented. Paige moved and Leslie seconded to pay the current bills with the exception of the Pullman Building Supply insulation bill. Sarah needs to verify that we have not already paid for that. If it has not been paid for, the board approves that payment as well.

**Grants:**

* Paige asked if we wanted to pursue funding from NW Farm Credit Services or WAFed to help pay for the furnace. There was discussion about if we could even get the funds since we have already had the furnace installed for quite some time now. It was decided to use those as options for future needs.
* Sarah and Leslie had a mix up on the due date for phase 2 of the Heritage Capital Grant. They missed the deadline and will not be eligible to apply until the next round in two years. Leslie pointed out that we have not spent the grant money we received from them for this biennium, nor do we have the required money that we need for match.
* LCP’s application to remain an Affiliate Member of Main Street was approved so LCP will receive $30,000 in funds to pay for her position. LCP will have to match 25%.

**Store Building:** Sarah met with AJ Mithas last Sunday. He cleaned all of the carpets in the Gathering Place and Library. She scheduled him to come again in October since the carpets were very dirty. She has arranged with Chris Mithas to clean the flooring in Carter’s Food Saturday June 18 after they close. She is going to need help moving items out of the store into the Gathering Place Saturday at 3pm. Peggy and Jeff said they can help. There is concern about the stuff out of the backroom being moved out in a timely fashion with little help.

**Apartments:**

* There were roughly 40 students and staff that helped take red rock out of the flowerbeds at the apartments June 7th. IT was a great experience for the kids, and a great deal of work was done. Sarah and Ms. Titus will come up with a project for the kids to help with next year.
* Peggy brought up that there was never a decision by the board as to what was going to be put back down in the flowerbeds. Sarah said that the red rock had been ordered. The board felt this was not a good option and would like the rock returned and bark to be put down instead.
* There have been complaints from the tenants about the lawn not being edged and a pot being knocked over during mowing. The board said the tenants have been told mowing day is on Thursday, and they should not have pots on the sidewalks. As for edging, Sarah needs to talk to Mike to remind him he needs to do this.
* It was suggested that all complaints need to be written by tenants so Bethany is not bombarded by them during her working hours. This also gives us documentation if a problem is persistent.

**Andrus Building:**

* Sarah has emailed Don trying to find out a timeline on the replacement of the sewer on 2nd St
* She has asked him to leave a stub to connect to for the Andrus building plumbing. He has not responded.

**Cafe:**

* Sarah and Paige both talked to Beth about paying her rent in a more timely manner.
* There was discussion about how to help the cafe be more viable. It was decided this topic is going to take a great deal of time and was tabled for a later date.

**Bank:**

* Jeff gave permission for the business group to add a mounting point to the exterior part of the bank building to hang lights off for Famer’s Fest.
* The BEO’s lease is up in July. They would like to lease the building for another 5 years. Paige moved, Peggy seconded, board approved to maintain this lease.

**Rockhouses:**

* Leslie, Kelli, and Sarah painted the interior.
* Gregg’s Electric has installed the switches and hooked up the power.
* Ackerman’s has completed installing the heating/cooling units.
* Flooring is in.
* Sarah is working at staining the trim at her house so she doesn’t get it on the new floors.
* Justin needs to complete the attic access and install FRP in the bathrooms.\
* Alex is bringing the speeders through town Saturday. Peggy will clean the museum. Jeff will meet them there.

**Executive Director report (Sarah):** Sarah has updated the website. There are some changes that need to be made, but most of it is done and looks great. Kelli’s name is misspelled and there is no link to town hall.

**Economic Vitality:** No update

**Promotion:** No Update

**Design:** No update

**Outreach:** No update

**Silent Auction:**

* Lots of nice donations are coming in.
* Sarah is getting positive feedback from posting items on Facebook.
* Paige has bought some big items from money that was donated to go towards the auction.

**Quilt Raffle:** Peggy will be gone during Farmer’s Fest. She will write an announcement for the parade about the quilt and send it to Paige. The raffle will be drawn at 3pm in the Gathering Place to try to get as many people as possible to buy tickets. Alice will be in charge of that. Sarah will collect the money.

Next meeting is July 1st at 7am.

Jeff concluded the meeting at 8:27am.