

FALL FESTIVAL MINUTES

JANUARY 23, 2008

Attendance:

Jim and Sue Brandenburg, Bill Rustin, Ethel Maxworthy, Rich Lefeber, Norma Woodman, Mike and Margaret Palubinski, Tom Straub, June Voge, Tim Huffman, Fran and Jacque Patch, Kris and Deb Wood, Lin Howard, Jason Rowland, Jere and Connie Crouse, Dan Atkinson.

Members of the Town of Turtle Board were represented by Bill Brewer and Tim Kopp.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jim Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 7 PM January 23, 2008.

Approval of the Agenda:

Lin Howard made a motion to approve the agenda as presented - seconded by Bill Rustin - via a voice vote the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the December 26, 2007 Minutes:

A motion was made by Fran Patch to approve the minutes as presented - seconded by Margaret Palubinski - the motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Kris Wood reported that the \$5,000 for the cemetery headstone restoration project was put into a CD at First National Bank on January 9th, 2008 at an interest rate of 4.16 %. The CD will mature in July of 2008. That left \$202.04 left as a balance. This is all consistent with the decisions the committee made in December of 2007 as to the disbursements of the monies we had on the books. Lin Howard made a motion to approve the report as presented - seconded by June Voge - the motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Audit:

Kris Wood reported that the final audit being done by Deb Bennett was not quite done and a few minor details needed to be looked into. When completed by Deb the report will be turned over to the other two directors (Sue Brandenburg and Jason Rowland) for final closure.

Election of Officers:

Chairperson

Jim Brandenburg's name was put into nomination by Fran Patch - seconded by Bill Rustin. Motion to close nominations by Tim Huffman - seconded by Bill Rustin - the chairperson (Jim Brandenburg) was passed unanimously by a hand vote.

Vice Chairperson

Lin Howard put Margaret Palubinski's name into nomination - seconded by Fran Patch. Tim Huffman moved the nominations be closed - seconded by Fran Patch. Via a hand vote Margaret Palubinski became the 2008 vice chair with one dissenting vote - Mike

Palubinski.

Secretary:

Norma Woodman put Tom Straub's name into nomination - seconded by Kris Wood. Nominations were closed via a motion by Tim Huffman - seconded by Jere Crouse. Via a unanimous hand vote, Tom Straub became the 2008 secretary of the Fall Festival.

Treasurer:

Fran Patch put into nomination Kris Wood - seconded by Norma Woodman. Nominations were closed via a motion by Tim Huffman - seconded by Jere Crouse. Again via a unanimous voice vote Kris Wood became the 2008 Fall Festival Committee treasurer.

Board of Directors:

Current board consists of Deb Bennett, Sue Brandenburg, and Jason Rowland. Margaret Palubinski made a motion to table the election of directors until the February meeting as the 2007 audit had not been completed as yet and technically the current directors need to complete the 2007 audit before their term expires - seconded by Jacque Patch. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Town Board

At this time in the meeting Tim Kopp and Bill Brewer explained that the \$1,000 from the 2007 budget set aside for headstone restoration had not been spent as yet and would be carried over into the 2008 budget. More information on this sum and also the \$5,000 donated to the headstone project will be discussed at the next Fall Fest meeting on February 27, 2008. Tim Kopp mentioned that the generous \$5,000 donation was appreciated by the board. He mentioned the plan was to have discussion with the cemetery committee at the next meeting (February 6, 2008) and have the committee prepare and present to the board their plans for 2008 as to the use of the \$1,000 plus the \$5,000. Mr. Kopp also mentioned the board would take into consideration the Fall Fest recommendation to the board of matching the \$5,000 donation in the 2009 and 2010 budget for headstone restoration.

Next Rich Lefeber reported to the committee the rash (3) of daylight burglaries experienced in the town over the past 2 - 3 days. No arrests have been made as the police continue to work on the situation. He recommended all residents report on suspicious vehicles in the area - particularly a grey or white over red pickup truck (possibly an S10) operating in the area. Mode of operation is to ring the doorbell and if someone answers they will likely ask a "far fetched" question and leave. Residents are to obtain license plate number, identify vehicle type, and report the issue to the police department.

Discussion and Decision as to Scheduling of Future Festival Celebrations:

Chairperson Jim Brandenburg made it known to the committee that we had voted unanimously on continuing the festival on October 24, 2007. He stated that Margaret Palubinski brought up the continuance again in our December 26, 2007 meeting. Margaret thought a hiatus of one year should be considered by the members. Jim Brandenburg thought enough about the issue to place it again on the agenda. All members present were polled and spoke either for or against continuation. All agreed during the discussion not to abolish the committee nor its officers if we discontinue the

Fall Fest for one year or more. Some good comments were received - Sue Brandenburg mentioned some festivities rotate in a 3 year cycle and although we are respectful of the many donations, these same donators would want to know what the money will be put towards in the Town if we took off a year yet still solicited in the community in 2008. Margaret Palubinski suggested a letter to donators explaining the year hiatus and quite possibly starting up again in 2009 so as not to lose contact or future donations from the donators - especially if they budget for these special donations. Jim Brandenburg stated he did not feel we would lose income from good supporters such as Mann Bros., Rock Road, and the like. He especially likes the community event and the camaraderie of the committee members.

Jim mentioned for years the Fall Fest sponsored the Memorial Day Program but was advised by the present Town Chair that he is moving in another direction. The two board members were questioned as to what direction that is - they could not answer but Bill Brewer stated that as early as 1/24 he would contact the chair and find out. He would then get back to Jim Brandenburg with the results. Contacts had all ready been made to several event participants prior to Jim's feedback from the chair and the committee as a whole need to know the "direction" the town plans on taking.

A motion was made by Kris Wood that in lieu of a 2008 Fall Festival we take on the project of organizing a picnic on October 4, 2008 in conjunction with the Fire Department Fire Prevention Week for the community. The motion was seconded by Norma Woodman. Via hand vote the results were 17 for, 2 against, with one abstention.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Elect three Board of Directors for 2008
- Response from the board as to 2008 Memorial Day program.
- Picnic discussion - ideas, format, program.

Next Meeting:

February 27, 2008 @ 7 PM

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion was made by Lin Howard to adjourn - seconded by Jason Rowland - motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Straub

- **My father used to say "Don't raise your voice - improve your argument".
Archbishop Desmond Tutu**
- **Women are like the police. They could have all the evidence in the world, but they still want the confession. Chris Rock**
- **Nothing bad can happen if you haven't hit the SEND key. David Shipley**