

LEU CIVIC CENTER BOARD MINUTES

September 12, 2022

Meeting called to order by Chris Bandre at 6:37 PM on September 12, 2022.

Members Present: Sharon Hopkins, Karen Detering, Chris Bandre, Jeremy Bearth, Valarie Sclarici, Chasidy Smith, Ryan Gass

Members Absent: Cheryl Orlet, Dean Henke, and Dennis Armstrong

Guests: Jenna Smith, Charles Jefferson

Building Tour: none

Review of Minutes

Motion to approve the August 1 and August 8 board meeting minutes made by Jeremy
Second by Ryan Gass

Motion carried.

Finance Update:

Farmers Checking is at \$54,118.49 as of 9/01/22

Farmers Money Market is at \$48,837.16 as of 8/26/22

Scott Credit Union account is \$20.00 as of 8/29/22

-Jeremy has compared our finances this year to last year, and our account is in a better place than at this time last year.

-Jeremy has offered to look at certain areas of the budget that the board would like to focus on. Suggestions include finding the net profits from programs so we can evaluate the most cost effective way to use the space and our programs.

-Suggestion made to break down monthly membership numbers into individual and family, as well as new and renewing members.

Director's Update:

-Jenna went to the Chamber of Commerce meeting. A positive shout out was given to the Leu Civic Center from Flowers, Balloons, Etc.

-Eagle Scout is coming to work on finishing the floors in the bathroom upstairs and to put down "Sticky things" on the stairs. Jenna has suggested changing the 2 stall bathroom that has no locks on the stalls to a single toilet restroom that will lock. Discussion also included making it a "family bathroom". Jenna will be looking into options for the bathroom including a baby changing station.

Motion was made to remodel the current 3rd floor bathroom to a family bathroom with a baby changing station by Jeremy Bearth.

Ryan Gass seconded

Motion passed

-Chairs from Holy Childhood

-Halloween party is being planned for Sunday, October 30. Ideas to have a passport for children to take around the building is in the works. Jenna and Alaina will look through Halloween decorations and supplies and have a proposal for funds needed for the Halloween party at the next board meeting.

-Staff shirts have arrived and staff have been wearing them.

-Jenna wanted to highlight the staff at the Leu. She shared that the staff have all stepped up and made the transition very smooth.

Leu Education Resources Update:

-Homeschool Activity Fair was on September 9 and was well attended. It is estimated that between 150-250 people were in attendance. Everyone had positive comments regarding the event. Jenna and Alaina will send out surveys to vendors and speakers to receive their feedback.

-Public school teacher survey will be available soon.

Facility and Maintenance:

-Mercy's Door is offering to repaint and update the blue room/game room on the bottom floor.

Programs and Activities:

- Archery has started on Thursdays and Fridays. It is going well. They bring a thick protective mat so the gym is not marked up by the arrows. They have also reached out to Mercy's Door to coordinate storage of supplies between the groups.
- Cooking class has been very successful, especially with homeschooled families. SNAPed is interested in bringing classes during the evenings.
- Special Olympics and floor hockey has started and so far has been successful.

Fundraising:

- Black out dates are from Labor Day until Halloween.
- Ryan's employer does a United Way drive, and they have suggested having him highlight the Leu Civic Center during their donation drive.

Governance:

- Chris Bandre, Ryan Gass, Valerie Scolarici Jeremy Bearth, and Sharon Hopkins will form a committee to meet in between board meetings. The purpose of this committee is meet with the director to hear information, make decisions, and to decide which information needs to be brought to the monthly board meeting in an effort to make monthly board meetings move quicker.

Administration:

Open Discussion and Questions:

- Chris asked board members, who are interested, to support the Mascoutah Police National Night Out on October 4 by making a donation to the event. The Mascoutah Police have supported the Leu Civic Center with a donation, and we would like to make a donation in support of them as well.
- Jeremy shared a calendar with a list of board meetings for 2023.
 - Karen Detering made a motion to accept the calendar.
 - Ryan Gass seconded
 - Motion passed
- Ryan suggested giving a monthly stipend for staff team building, etc.

Motion to adjourn: Jeremy Bearth

Second: Chasidy Smith

Time: 8:12

Next meeting: Monday, October 3, 2022