

Frederick Forward meeting minutes – July 20, 2009

7 p.m. at the Historical Society building

The meeting was preceded with a meal honoring all sponsors and volunteers who helped with the Finn Fest. Krysti called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved.

A review of Finn Fest was the first item on the agenda. Tracy thanked everyone who helped in any way. Krysti thanked the sponsors who donated towards the event.

Comments on Finn Fest:

A better sound system would be needed for future events. Part of this year's problem was due to the moving of Friday event to the school because of weather.

The National Guard has an inflatable obstacle course that might be used another time. There were not enough volunteers to man the inflatables this year. Some people stayed all day.

Overall, there were many positive comments on the community spirit in Frederick.

Housing/Economic Development:

The gas station money for filling tanks is gone except for about \$500 that was left in the account. Cardtrol as a possibility is being checked into. The state has checked the current pumps and found no leaks. It was a suggestion to ask if the store would possibly take over the station.

There are some other businesses interested in locating in Frederick. No details at this time.

There is to be a housing forum in Britton on July 23. Krysti asked for interest.

Marketing:

Tracy and Heidi are looking for more sponsors to finish of the Frederick brochures. The business directory is in progress.

Father Don would like to pursue moving the Neff dinosaur back to Frederick to promote the town. It is currently located at the School of Mines in Rapid City.

Simmons Park:

The picnic tables need repainting or re-staining.

More volunteers are needed to finish the murals for the bandstand. It was decided to give Lora Schaanaman a gift certificates for Nick's in the amount of \$50 is a small thank you for her work on the murals.

Kurt Smith reported on the progress of the dock project. There should be a grant approved, but we would have to have matching funds up to 75%. It would need to be handicapped accessible. We would need to front the cost of \$5000, most of which would then be paid back. A motion was made and passed to approve this amount.

Inflatable theater:

There is no definite schedule for this summer. It was thought that maybe some other group may want to run it with Frederick Forward receiving a percentage. Another idea would be to present it to other

inflatable businesses. There will be a movie shown at the fairgrounds during the Brown County Fair. Other ideas were to look for smaller screens and to show movies in the Historical Society building.

Welcome Wagon:

Connie has given materials to Marilyn Podoll. The group includes a broader community than just the town of Frederick.

Secret Garden:

No further developments. It was suggested that the front and exterior be cleaned up. There could be some artwork on the windows done by art students. It was mentioned that it would be a great place to show movies in the future.

Heidi talked about conducting a labor pool survey thinking that the census would answer some questions. Horizons/Frederick Forward should work on involving kids once again. We need to redefine our strategic plan.

At the end of the meeting it was agreed to pay the historical society \$25 each time Frederick Forward met in their building. At the request of some Historical Society members, it was decided to table this until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be August 24 at 7 p.m. at the Historical Society building.