

**Downtown Revitalization Committee
Minutes
Thursday, April 2, 2020
5pm. Owen Public Library**

The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) met on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 5:00 pm. at the Owen Public Library. Present were committee members: Ken Martine, Tony Wallace, Allison Milbert, Travis Rogers and Nicole Rogers. Absent were Cindy Knight and Jeff Conger.
Others present: Tim Swiggum and Cindy Cardinal.

Called to order at 5:00 pm. by Martine.

Minutes:

T. Rogers/Wallace motion and second to approve the February 13, 2020 minutes passed unanimously.

Financial Report

No report

Electric Train: Fundraising, Use agreement, User Fees and Schedule

We should continue looking for ways to fundraise to recoup the money spent on the train. Farmers Market seems a good way to introduce the train to the community. Tim is working on entertainment and food for Saturdays from 10-2. Nicole will look into small individual plaques or adhesive signs to acknowledge the donors. We will need a list of volunteers who would make good conductors for the train.

Farmer's Market:

Tim will write a press release to send to both papers. We need to look for new vendors, food stand organizations and entertainment.

Growin' Owen:

Allison reported that the "Strawbale Gardening" demonstration will be presented via Zoom since people are not allowed to gather. It will be held live on April 13 at 7pm. Volunteers are encouraged to "Adopt a Garden" which entails weeding and keeping them presentable. Linda Barna and Cindy Cardinal have adopted the one by the library. The Showcase Garden seeds are coming along well. Site has not been selected yet and the committee will meet to discuss that in the near future. A pumpkin patch will be planted by the library with the pumpkins used for Fall decorations.

Owen Jr. Fair/Owen Main Street Car Show/Central Wisconsin Jazz Festival:

Discussion was held about combining our advertising resources for the weekend. The Car Show has booked a DJ for the daytime only. No band will be booked for the evening hours. Jazz Festival tickets are available at their Facebook page and website.

Set Committee meetings:

Growin' Owen will meet April 23rd, 3pm at the Woodland **Car Show:** end of April or early May **Autumnfest:** **Next meeting** will be held on **May 7, 2020 at 5pm. at Millpond Park or the Library if weather is bad.**

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martine at 5:56 pm.

Submitted by Tim Swiggum