

Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds – Foundation Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2022 – 12:30 pm
98 W. Custer Ave., Helena MT 59602

Attendees:

Board members: Phil Porrini, Greg Pace, Dave Duffy, FayDee Hamilton, Robert LaRue, Marilyn Greely, Wilbur Rehmann, Mark Menke

Staff: Logan Gustafson, Sandy McIntyre

County Commissioner: Tom Rolfe

President Mark Menke called the meeting to order at 12:13pm.

Approval of Minutes:

There were no corrections or additions to the May 25, 2022 minutes. FayDee Hamilton motioned to approve the May 25, 2022 minutes, Greg Pace seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report/Update on Fundraising Campaign:

- Mark Menke reviewed the financials, pointing out that \$24,000 that appears to be a loss, is not a loss, it represents expenditures for approved projects.

Fundraising Update:

- FayDee Hamilton sent out thank letters to flagpole donors. A second ask letter for flagpole donations has gone out and we're waiting to see if there's a response.

Flag Pole:

- FayDee Hamilton has not yet ordered the plaques. We would like the plaque style to be consistent with the Promenade plaques. There was a suggestion of placing brass plaques on the ground around the pole, and it was noted that brass plaques are hard to maintain. FayDee and Phil will come up with language for the plaques. The plaques will be ordered from Trophy Case.
- After the pole and plaques are installed, we may have a dedication ceremony, in which case donors will be notified.
- The invoice for the 25' pole, 4'x6' flag and the ground sleeve is \$5200. This does not include installation. The base will be 30" wide x 30" deep and weather resistant.
 - Phil Porrini has contacted Ridgeline Construction about drilling the hole and the concrete. Phil also said he was willing to drill the hole, with the help of volunteers, and would need 6-8 bags of concrete to fill it.
 - There is \$800 remaining to use toward the flag pole & installation, without another motion, since \$6,000 was approved.
- Flag-needs to be lit if it is left up 24 hours/day. It would cost about \$100/year to replace the flag.

Other Fundraising Requests:

- In last month's meeting, Phil Porrini suggested having T-shirts printed with the Cool Alley art on the back and Cut 'er Loose on the front to sell at the Stampede. It would cost \$1200 for 100 purple shirts from Allegra. We would need 2 people for the Foundation Booth 6p-10:30p on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Booth is set up in the Beer Garden. Greg Pace said he can help with shirt promotion. A signup sheet was sent around for the Foundation booth. Cool Alley posters will also be sold. Tshirts will be sold for \$20 each. FayDee Hamilton moved to allocate \$1200 to purchase the 100 Tshirts that will be printed with Cool Alley art on the back and the Cut 'er Loose logo on the front. Marilyn Greely seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- There are also Cool Alley posters to sell. Enough posters were sold last year to cover the costs of production.

Other Business:

- Bob LaRue and Wilbur Rehmann both asked to get more notice on volunteer project days, i.e. sign painting.
- FayDee Hamilton asked if the Board is interested in doing the Wall of Honor banquet this fall. She asked if there were any ideas for nominations. FayDee also noted that she will not be the point person and organizer of the event this year, and that, if it's to be held, another Board member will need to organize it. FayDee said she could provide a list/workplan of what needs to be done including nominations, publicity, caterers, bartenders, music, silent auction, etc. Dave Duffy suggested doing it every other year. No decisions were made about whether to have it in 2022.

Adjournment:

- Marilyn Greely made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Duffy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.