

Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds – Foundation Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2022 – 12:30 pm
98 W. Custer Ave., Helena MT 59602

Attendees:

Board members: Phil Porrini, Greg Pace, Dave Duffy, Marilyn Greely, Jo Young, Jay Sherley, Mark Menke

Staff: Kevin Tenney, Logan Gustafson, Sandy McIntyre

County Commissioner: Tom Rolfe

President Mark Menke called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

Approval of Minutes:

There were no corrections or additions to the June 22, 2022 minutes. Phil Porrini motioned to approve the June 22, 2022 minutes, Greg Pace seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

- The spring Friends of the Fairgrounds fundraising letter raised \$7800.
- T-shirt and poster sales at the Stampede netted \$1607.
- There is \$48,000 available for Fairgrounds projects.

Update on T-shirt and Poster Sales:

- Of 100 t-shirts, there are about 15 left to sell. Suggestions for next order/next year are to print on white and to have quantities of larger sizes available (2XL, 3XL).
- Greg Pace will do a Facebook post that the remaining T-shirts are available for sale.
- Phil Porrini will provide a summary of the t-shirt expenses and revenues at the next meeting.
- Posters were also sold at the Stampede are included in the \$1607 net sales figure noted above. 2021 and 2022 poster sales have covered the cost of production and made a net profit.

Flag Pole:

- Phil Porrini led the new flagpole installation effort. Jerry Blythe with Helena City Parks and Parks liaison to the Fair and Foundation Boards, augured the hole. Greg Pace, Dave Duffy and Fairgrounds staff all helped with the two-week installation project.
- There is a solar powered light to keep the flag lit at night.
- The project came in under the budget of \$6000. Phil Porrini will provide a summary of the flagpole project expenses at the next meeting.
- About 50 people showed up to the dedication ceremony during Fair week, which honored Shirley Herrin, long-time Fairgrounds supporter.

Wall of Honor Banquet:

- The Wall of Honor banquet, usually held in October, was discussed at the June meeting. At that meeting, 1) FayDee Hamilton noted she would not be the organizer/point person in 2022 and was happy to share her institutional knowledge/workplan for the 2022 banquet, 2) it was suggested to hold the banquet every other year and 3) having the banquet at a different time of year due to conflicts with hunting season was discussed. No decision was made at the June meeting about a 2022 banquet.
- Board members discussed the logistics and short planning horizon, and the consensus was to not hold an October 2022 banquet.
- It was agreed to move the deadline for nominations to the end of December, with the option of a spring banquet.
- Phil Porrini suggested that the call for nominations be publicized and done twice a year. Greg Pace suggested including information about the Wall of Honor and nominations in Friends of the Fairgrounds letters.

Current or Pending Fundraising Requests:

- Paving project update will be provided next month by Kevin Tenney.
- Commissioner Tom Rolfe suggested refining the Fairgrounds wish list of improvements, i.e. water to the VIP building, etc. for the County Commission to review.
- Mark Menke pointed out that there is \$48,000 available for Fairgrounds projects and asked for project ideas. No suggestions were offered and members were asked to bring ideas to the next meeting.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Adjournment:

- Phil Porrini made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Duffy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.