

March 15, 2010 Heritage Foundation meeting:

President Dale Helms called the March meeting to order at 7:07pm. with 6 Board members present (Dale, Marilyn, Leon, Jim, Darren, Julie), with 3 N.L. Railroad representatives 1 4-Her and 7 other Members present.

The minutes were reviewed with corrections; omit the Fire Hall Theater, add the date of April 16 to the FunD Nite, also that the third meat choice is Roast Beef , not Chicken and the decision was to go with the \$10.50 plate with side salad. A motion was made by Julie and seconded by Jim to accept the minutes as corrected.

There was no Treasures report except for Dale to say that the taxes are done and have been sent in.

Communications: Memorial Money for Howard Rutherford detailed
PortaMix returned the overcharge for work done.
Brick designated for Mel Johnson
Membership received from Gowans

FunD Nite: The tickets are ready for distribution at \$25 per person. Tickets signed out were tallied on a sheet and Teri Hammerback said that she would be in charge of the ticket sales. You can get tickets from Teri. Dale has secured the gaming permit. The American Legion is set for the FunD Nite event. Silent Auction will be set up by Jim Garbanski and MelODEe Gabber. Please contact them ahead of time of your auction item and bring the item the day of set up, Thursday but each contributor should fill out their own auction form ahead of time to save time and confusion. The FunD Nite schedule for the evening on April 16. 5-6pm is Registration and Social Hour, 6-7:30pm is the Dinner. 7:30 begins the Music, Dance, Paddle Wheel and Auction.

Building progress report: Dale says the lights now work in the new building.

Heritage Days: August 21-22. Arlene Krueger has been working on the talent search and now Laura Munski has joined her as chairperson of the entertainment. A planning meeting for Heritage Days' Entertainment will be April 5, 7:00pm at Bier Building. Laura requested approval to write grants related to program and demonstrations for Heritage Days. Julie made a motion and Darren seconded it.

Heritage Foundations was added to the Polk County listing of organizations for grant purposes.

Laura mentioned the following upcoming events;

Water Festival is scheduled for May 3-4. 800 are expected. May 1 is U.N.D. Cleanup. Help is needed.

April 17 is Super Science Saturday with the Scout Show. There were 1820 kids present at the event last year.

Pizza Garden: Karen McBride presented her proposal for a Pizza Garden, which Teri and her have been planning. It would be an educational attraction and would be part of the Heritage ground Tours. They hope to interest young people (Homeschoolers, 4-Hers, Teri's students) in helping with the maintenance of the garden It's purpose is to educate the public, learning hands-on, about where food comes from using a pizza-shaped garden and growing "pizza" ingredients in the wedge-shaped plots. It would utilize a few of the animal statues as well. Karen passed around a diagram of the garden layout. Laura has been searching for and will continue to look for a Grant to help fund this project. Karen asked for approval to proceed with the plan with or without a grant. A motion to support the project was made by Bernie and seconded by Leon. Garden location will be discussed at the April meeting.

Crops: Leon reported that they will again, ask Peterson's Farm to donate their equipment to plant, cultivate and combine the crop. Carl and Leon will decide on what to plant. More on this subject next month.

Don Krueger asked about a memorial or donation for Mel Johnson. Dale said that he will stay in contact with Mel's daughter on the topic.

New Business:

Tractor Ride: Darren discussed the possibility of having a tractor ride event of antique tractors up Highway 220 from Heritage grounds to Pesik and back. Participants would be charged an entry fee and invited to a BBQ at Darren's home on the way which also could be charged for. Darren requested Joe's help on the grill. He would like to schedule it for July 10 or June 26 and needs to know who is interested to do this. Darren also talked about the tractor drive in Lankin last year. He is planning to do that again and invite others to join in. They charge \$10/tractor. He said this kind of exposure (Lankin and Northwood events) have been the best advertising Heritage has ever had.

There will not be a Blue Grass Music Festival this year.

Bernie brought up that Norman County wants to start a Heritage organization and would appreciate our advice and help to do so.

Dale will try to contact American Crystal Sugar regarding involvement in this year's Heritage Days.

The Northern Lights Railroad members that were attending asked when the meeting with 4-H and Heritage members would be scheduled. This will need to be decided at a later date. They also discussed their project extending the track and are waiting on the one who sets the rails in place. The crossing is in. The Northern Lights Railroad Museum is open every Saturday from 10am-3pm.

Heritage "Truck" renovation project: Darren and Dale have been working steadily on the truck and it is now stripped down. Bert's will paint the cab and chaise, donating sandblasting and labor, we pay for the paint. Dale found a like-new chrome bumper at Winger's and they donated it to Heritage for the "Truck". Also, they are negotiating with Wavra's about designing a Heritage Foundation logo for the truck door which would include the sponsor's name.

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The meeting was adjourned with Darren making a motion and Marilyn adding the second.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen McBride,
Acting Recording Secretary