

## OFMP, Inc. Member Minutes November 18, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Napier at 6:02 pm.

There were 13 members present in addition to all board members .

Cyndie Reppert passed around a list of items the DAR is collecting to donate to the Iowa Veterans Home and asked they be turned in by December 15, 2024.

Bill opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and expressing his concern at the lack of members present. He asked everyone to spread the word and invite family and friends to join us.

He informed us of our Letter of Intent being signed by the city.

He also told of Tim Snyder working with us on our fundraising, thanks to Cyndie Reppert, and of how much money we would be saving by not working with Convergent.

He also reiterated the need for members and their active participation to get things done.

Marie suggested Public Service announcements on the local radio and tv stations.

Mike explained the wall charts we worked on in our board meeting and asked members to contribute their ideas. The only addition was the need to communicate better with members.

Bill explained we've not shared much up until now as we were waiting on the city for the Letter of Intent.

Lee Meller says public perception needs attention, but she has never worked on a campaign so is unsure how to go about it.

Susan Spencer feels calling members would be very helpful and would be willing to work on that committee.

Andy Andrews suggested emails, which Mike explained we did for this meeting, and FB, but doesn't know how to find it.

Cyndie Reppert suggested sending letters to members who don't have emails and volunteered to copy minutes and mail them. Mike will send her the addresses we have tomorrow.

When asked how those present knew of tonight's meeting, some said they just knew we meet the third Monday of each month and one member saw the article in the paper November 14, 2024,

Bill told members next week if we have their email they will be getting an update.

Andy Andrews mentioned he gets questions daily about the site and wondered if we would be getting a sign. Bill reminded everyone that before November 4, 2024 we didn't have the authority to do anything at the site, but now with a signed Letter of Intent we can move forward.

Cyndie Reppert asked about a brochure to be at the museums and train depot and Bill again reminded us that this is why we need members here to expand now that we have our Letter of Intent.

Marie brought up the committees, Finance, Communication, Special Events and Publicity and the need for people to step up and fill them. Now is the time.

Susan Spener reiterated the idea of calling members.

Rich Hoffman suggested putting brochures at local businesses and wondered about funds to purchase the holders. He stressed the urgency to get the brochures in place before holiday shopping begins. Sharon Scholl-Nabulsi informed us we are almost out of brochures.

Bill cautioned we need to get more members to meetings to determine if we have enough interest to proceed. The 23 people present were not enough to accomplish our goals.

Rich pushed on and attempted to make a motion to purchase displays, but was reminded that only the board could act on a motion to spend money and we were not convened. Bill reiterated his concerns about lack of manpower, but ultimately convened the board.

Rich Hoffman moved to purchase 30 plastic holders to be placed in local businesses for the purpose of displaying our informational brochures.

Bruce Grigsby amended the motion to add; not to exceed \$100.

Ted Kolbet seconded.

Motion approved.

Cyndie Reppert ordered and will donate brochure holders and Gene Zeiger offered to donate the cost of printing more brochures.

Lynn Parson, Bruce Grigsby and Rich Hoffman volunteered to deliver and maintain brochure holders.

Gene Zeiger also voiced his disappointment that no news media was at our meeting.

Cyndie Reppert led the group in singing Happy Birthday to Bill.

Next member meeting December 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Kay Diton

Secretary OFMP, Inc.