

Jennings County Youth Foundation

Organizational Meeting

The meeting was held October 19, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the White Front Café. Present were: Danny Schiller, Kelly Hatton, Janet Clerkin, Mike Clerkin, Christina Jayne, David Wilson, Darragh Wilson, Mark Holwager, Gary L. Smith, Anthony Eder, and Nicki Marion.

Danny Schiller, Temporary President/Chairman called the meeting to order and agendas and sign in sheets were distributed among the attendees. Kelly Hatton, Temp. Secretary distributed the minutes from the last meeting and asked if anyone objected to not reading the minutes aloud. In addition Kelly recommended that the meeting minutes not disclose who made motions or who seconded them. According to research removing the movers and seconders from the minutes is acceptable practice as long as proposals are made, discussed and voted on by the group. A motion was made by the floor to accept the minutes as printed and to withhold future movers and seconders from the minutes as discussed and was seconded by the ceiling. Motion accepted.

A status update regarding the foundation non-profit filing was provided by Danny Schiller. He stated that "The Articles of Corporation" were successfully filed and accepted by the Secretary of State. The documentation was received and he spent several hours reviewing the information and steps necessary to complete the process. Our next step must be to establish a board of directors, and appoint officers. Handouts were given to show the current hierarchy of the foundation. Current directors are Danny Schiller, Janet Clerkin, and Shannon Palmer. (Correction; Kelly Hatton was inadvertently omitted as 4th director). The temporary officers are: Danny Schiller President/Chairman; Janet Clerkin, Treasurer; Shannon Palmer, Assistant Treasurer; and Kelly Hatton, Secretary. Official positions will be selected and appointed by the board of directors once established. The handout also showed the temporary committees to be assigned as: Finance/Fundraising, Event Planning/Programming and Advertising/Promotion/Outreach. Danny went on to discuss information from the book "How to Set-up A Non-Profit Corporation" which recommends having 11 to 15 directors. Further discussion was had over the pros and cons of having too many directors; too many would make it difficult to have a quorum to be able to conduct business and too few lacks diversity and resource potential. No official decision was made on the number of directors but tentatively discussed 11 or 13.

Janet Clerkin reported that the treasurer's report had not changed since the last meeting but copies were available to anyone that had not seen it. The balance remains at \$536.58. In addition \$933.00 was charged to Janet's personal credit card to cover the cost of applying for non-profit status. She agreed to have this charge reimbursed to her from funds raised at the first event. Further discussion was made regarding the closing of the Jennings County's Got Talent account, which Janet had started, and transferring the \$536.58 balance to a new account to be setup and established for the foundation at Centra bank. The account will be setup with 2 signers, Janet Temp. Treasurer and Shannon Palmer, Temp. Assistant Treasurer. All agreed.

Kelly Hatton discussed Communication item next on the agenda. She reported that currently we have an email distribution list to communicate as well as a facebook group that has 39 members so far and includes 4-5 teenagers. Discussion continued regarding the creation of a website and several suggestions were made regarding different service providers and prices. Danny stated that the foundation materials included services provided at a discount by Legal Zoom and he believed a website was available for \$9.95 a month. In addition Gary Smith suggested utilizing non-profit status right away and would include creating a public image with letterhead, stationary, brochures, logo and mission statement. One idea was suggested to contact the art department in the school system and have a logo design contest with the children. Further discussion was had regarding the publicity of the foundation. Christina Jayne mentioned radio public announcements and connections with various radio stations, others discussed advertising in the local community calendar section as well as getting interview time with local reporters featuring the foundation. Janet mentioned that there is a rumor of a parade on Oct. 30th and the foundation could be represented by local youth carrying a banner. She will check into the details of the parade and determine if we will participate or not. Kelly mentioned that

Shannon Palmer is excellent resource for connecting with the school as the outreach coordinator for MWISE and is currently working to coordinate a public awareness fair in which we can promote our foundation. Janet stated that she is getting several invitations to attend meetings and to share information about our group and it was agreed that she would hold off accepting these invitations until we have the foundation in place. It was also suggested that she enlist the help of Shannon, and to send invitations to the email distribution list to let others know of the meetings so she is not overwhelmed trying to attend all of them.

Danny Schiller provided an update on the youth center. He stated that this is a LONG RANGE goal and is for informational purposes only but it is very exciting news. The group had previously discussed the possibility of utilizing the old North Vernon High/Jr. High school property off of State Street. Danny spoke with Mayer Soup Campbell and was told that the school corp. is currently using the building for Kindergarten and it is not empty as we thought. Conversation continued with Mayer Campbell regarding other possible city property that could be donated to the foundation for use as a youth center. He stated that the military at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center is looking at relocating the Armory building currently at the North Vernon City park to the North Vernon airport. Once the new building is in place and operational, the old building will revert back to the city of NV and he stated he will recommend it be donated to the JC youth foundation. They are currently chasing funds for the National Guard to build the new building and he is not sure how long that will take. Further discussion was added by Mark Holwager stating that he too had been in conversation with the city and that it has been in the works for many years but hopefully it will happen soon.

The last item on the agenda was the upcoming fundraising event; the "Glow in the Dark Dance". Danny reported that he reserved the Community building for Sat. 12-11-10 for 2 hours; either 6-8 pm or 7-9 pm. Danny also reported that in previous years the council donated the building to the fundraising causes but they are no longer able to do that and the fee is \$30 per hour. Discussion continued regarding an age limit, which time, the types of activities, and possible other locations for the event. Kelly suggested that we wait to have the event since we do not have the foundation properly setup and there are not that many people officially committed to help. It was then suggested to let the Moose Family Center host an event and donate proceeds to the foundation to support our fundraising efforts. David Wilson, former Moose administrator volunteered to follow up on this possibility and report back to the group. Other possible options suggested were the Vernon Gym, AmVets, and local churches. Janet stated that she has been in discussion with Sherry Massey, the current United Way director and that she is very supportive and encouraging of our efforts and offered any assistance we may need. She said we need to have a 501 (3c) status and Danny confirmed that is what we have. In addition there was discussion regarding the hesitance of people to support our cause because of the YMCA disappointment and questionable actions of its leaders. Danny reported that he has several sponsors willing to give big money but we need to get organized and have an event before year end to maximize donor potential wanting to get year-end tax credit. It was agreed that the fundraising dance would be put on hold until the foundation is more organized and able to spend adequate time planning for it.

Next meeting was tentative scheduled for two weeks: Thursday November 4, 2010. Janet will reserve spot at the Jennings Public Library. Update: The current directors agreed that the next meeting will be closed to the public and for potential directors only. There are no meeting rooms available at the library for 11/4/10 and a new meeting place is TBA to the invitees.