

**WCYP Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 31, 2023 – 6:30 pm**  
**Don Tomasso's, Upper Sandusky**

**Attendance:** Alex Barth, Scott Boes, Aaron Frazee, Dan Hayman, Lesley Hayman, Tom Karcher, Brian Kimmel, Brian Kummerer, Greg Moon, Lindsey Morral, Zach Morral, Drew Rall, Tricia Rall, Heather Skaggs, and Desiree Young.

Guests: Cory Miller, Dennis Karcher, Pat Karcher, and Kate Niederkohr.

President Tom Karcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Guest Presentations** –

Kate Niederkohr, Upper Sandusky City Council & Parks Committee Chair, presented a proposed sign upgrade project for Harrison Smith Park.

- A new 4'x8' LED, remotely controllable sign would replace the current entry sign inside of the brickwork. The lowest quote, and from the company the City already works with, is roughly \$24,000.
- The parks plan to ask 4-5 groups for donations, and supporters will be included on signage on the bricks.
- After much discussion, a donation was tabled until more information is received on how much the parks/city would be able to cover for the project.

Cory Miller, representing the slow-pitch softball league, provided information on a needed scoreboard for the Water Tower Park.

- Cory explained that the City will not replace league specific items at the park, and much of the field work is done by those involved with the league.
- The current scoreboard was put in when the softball field was built and parts for it are no longer available.
- The quote for a basic replacement 4' x 8' scoreboard is \$3,858.00. Sponsors would be included on a board below the scoreboard. The league is planning to hold a gun raffle fundraiser as well.
- After much discussion, Zach made a motion to donate \$1,500 toward the new scoreboard. Aaron seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously by way of voice vote.

Dennis and Pat Karcher, members of the County Fair Board, addressed the group with multiple needed repairs and upgrades at the fairgrounds:

- The fair plans to have a concert the Thursday of the County Fair, and is looking for two \$5,000 sponsors.
- An electric power upgrade is planned that will involve a new transformer costing around \$40,000.
- A renovation of the dining hall is needed, and sections of the guardrail around the racetrack need repaired, but no estimates were available.

- Brain Kummerer asked if the fair board would be interested in replacing all of the receptacles and boxes around the camping areas that do not work, and the Karchers indicated that any assistance would be appreciated.
- After more deliberation, the group felt its potential level of donation would not have an impact on many of the major items presented, but we should look at something that could easily benefit both the fairgrounds and the Wyanstock Festival.
  - Scott Boes will reach out to Harris Electric regarding the replacement of receptacles and switch boxes to generate a quote for repairs.

**Treasurer's Report** – Drew Rall announced there was a \$55,336.25 in checking account.

- Budgeted expenses included a \$2,000 donation to the Upper Sandusky Quiz Bowl Team and \$8,000 for 2023 scholarships.
- So far \$11,293 has been deposited for Wyanstock sponsorships.

**Committee Updates:**

- Wyanstock
  - Tom announced the event is set for June 30th & July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The sponsorship letters were sent in early January, and two new top-level spots have been created.
  - Aaron announced all the bands have been booked.
  - Greg said that both stages will be rented from the same company this year.
  - Dan also noted a new merch tent would be needed as the previous tent was destroyed by the wind during the Wyneygate event last year.
- Scholarships
  - Tricia announced the committee had revised the scholarships for this year.
  - There will be four, \$2,000 scholarships awarded. They will be available to Wyandot County students from all 5 school districts and homeschoolers. None will be set aside for any particular district, but rather competitive among all Wyandot County seniors.
  - 1 scholarship will be set aside for a student attending a 4 year school, 1 for a student attending a trade school, and the other 2 are open to a students no matter what type of higher education they are attending.
  - In addition to the regular scholarship applications; applicants will be required to explain how they have already and will in the future contribute to the Wyandot County community.
  - Scholarship applications are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

- Fantasy of Lights Setup/Teardown
  - Tom thanked all those that helped to take down the soldiers and arches on January 7<sup>th</sup> without the help of any lift!

- 2023 Officers
  - Tom announced that a new Vice President was still needed for this year that will assume the role of President in 2024.
  - Lesley nominated Zach Morral for Vice President and he accepted the nomination. Greg seconded the motion, and it was then passed unanimously by way of voice vote.

### New Business

- Fair Board Stage Trailer Request
  - Drew had been asked by the Fair Board if they could use the WCYP stage trailer for this year's fair.
  - Since the stage trailer has only been used for Wyanstock, and we now plan to rent a second stage for the event each year, the group agreed that if the Fair Board would like it, the WCYP would gift the trailer to them for use at the fair each year.
  - Drew will contact the fair board to see if they will accept.
- Funding Requests
  - Greg announced that multiple funding requests had been received for area organizations through the mail:
  - Wyandot Community Connections (The Hub. Community Center.)
    - Brian Kummerer made a motion to donate \$200.00 to Wyandot Community Connections, and Alex seconded. The motion was then passed unanimously by way of voice vote.
  - Open Door Resource Center
    - Since a \$750 donation had just been made in September, this request was tabled.
  - Wyandot Community Foundation – Imagination Library Fund
    - Since the group normally makes a \$1,000 annual donation to the Wyandot County Imagination Library, Aaron made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 again this year, and Zach seconded. The motion was then passed unanimously by way of voice vote.
  - USHS Academic Boosters
    - Zach made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Upper Sandusky Academic Boosters, and Alex seconded. The motion was then passed unanimously by way of voice vote.
  - Voice of Hope
    - Brian made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Voice of Hope, and Zach seconded. The motion was then passed unanimously by way of voice vote.
- Annual Event Outlook
  - An overview of events for the year was discussed.
  - February – May: No events are currently scheduled.
    - Lesley spoke with Kelsey regarding a Rock & Roll Trivia Night at Fort 88. Lindsey explained that the event could work well with their scheduled Wednesday night trivia, and a portion of food and drinks could be donated toward a cause.

- Lesley and Lindsey will get some more details together for likely a summertime event.
- June - July: Wyanstock
- September: Wyneygate
- October: Rocky Horror Event @ the Star
  - Alex explained there will be more information upcoming, but dialogue with the Star Board will happen soon.
- December: Frosty Mixer

### **Adjourn**

- Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.