

Friends of City Hall Regular Meeting 3/22/2012

A regular meeting of the Friends of City Hall was held on Thursday March 22, 2012 in the St. Mark's Activity Room, and was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Judy White.

Prior to the meeting a copy of the minutes from the first Heritage Day Planning Committee meeting, and a 2012 Visitor's Brochure were distributed.

Minutes for the February regular meeting were approved.

Tour Request for Antique Show: A brief discussion was had as to future tours of City Hall for upcoming events such as the Music Festival, Antique Show, etc. . The group came to a consensus that we should take advantage of as many of these opportunities as possible.

A summary of the great offerings of the Marine City Music Festival was given by Judy White. Becky Lepley suggested maintaining a table for Friends of City Hall at the Festival.

2012 Visitor's Brochure from Chamber: A discussion was had as to the value of being included in the 2012 Marine City Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Brochure. A motion was approved to spend \$89 for a "Display Ad" to be included in the 2012 brochure.

Photo Shoot: The first shoot for by the M-1 Studios group at City Hall will be Thursday April 3, 2012 at 10:00 am. Becky will help to facilitate access to the building. All interested members are welcome to attend if they wish.

Gift Ladder: A discussion was had as to the thought of including a "stuffer" in our general brochure that would outline individual and family giving opportunities, clarifying these opportunity for interested individuals. A ladder encouraging gift giving for area businesses is also being developed.

Spring Clean Up: There is a need for a bit of clean up inside City Hall. Monday March 26th at 5:00 pm was identified as the day for clean up. Trash from the holiday tours still needs to be set out for pick up, or removed from the grounds. All able and available members are encouraged to attend this brief clean up with general cleaning supplies in hand.

Talent Showcase Report: Judy updated the group as to her meeting with Jimmy DeHeno. Jimmy has agreed to seek out the talent to perform for the event. A date still needs to be set for the event, but cannot be done so until the exterior envelope restoration work is complete. Bob Klinger has graciously donated \$2,000 toward the Summer Concert Series.

300 Broadway Committee Report: April 5th has been identified as the next date that the Marine City Commission will discuss, and possible vote on, the plans for the restoration of City Hall. All members are

strongly encouraged to attend this meeting, and to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting in favor of approving the plans as presented. Citizens are also encouraged to send letters of support addressed to the City Commission directly so that they may be read into the public record of the meeting.

Grant: Judy updated the group as to the requirement of a credit report for Friends of City Hall in order to qualify for federal grants. Dun and Bradstreet contacted Judy to provide this service for \$399.

Mason Jar Report: Heather Bokram collected and counted the donations for the two remaining jars in circulation from the Marine City Fish Company and Jets Pizza. A total of approximately \$52 was collected.

Heritage Day(s) Planning Committee Report: Becky reviewed the minutes for the first Heritage Day Planning Committee meeting held earlier that day. The time of the festival will be from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on October 6, 2012. A vendor fee of \$25 was set. Discussion was had as to what festival offerings might be successful. All members are, once again, encouraged to bring ideas to the committee and to volunteer to help coordinate an aspect of the event. The next meeting of the committee will be Friday April 20, 2012 at 12:30 pm in the St. Mark's Activity Room.

A motion to spend not more than \$120 for the reprinting of Walking Tour brochures was approved. Proceeds will now go to Friends of City Hall.

Cinco de Mayo Dinner: A reminder that we will host a Cinco De Mayo benefit dinner. We will plan to serve approximately 100 people. Members were reminded to help spread the word about the event.

The time of our next meeting on Thursday April 26th may change due to the time change of the Euchre Group. Members will be notified by email and the Friends of City Hall Facebook page if this occurs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David L. Simpson, *Secretary*