

Alma Foundation
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Meeting of Tuesday July 29, 2008

Present: John Deagan, Tim Balough, Ellen McMichael, Nancy Comer, Chip Barrett, Marta Butler, Seral Ransom & Heather Thompson

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda motioned by Tim Balough, seconded by Ellen McMichael, approved unanimously.

Approval of June minutes was tabled to next meeting.

1ST ANNUAL WENDY'S WILDFLOWERS

Tim Balough reported that the event went very well, there are still many of the faux chamomile left in Town. The group of weeders cleared on Main Street and Pine Street from Buckskin north to 2nd Street. A great BBQ was held at the Town Park. The response to the event was very good and should be even better next year. Bonnie Paffenroth still have wildflower seeds left for next year.

11TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN THE COULDS

T-SHIRTS: there are many t-shirts left. Ellen & Heather will inventory them in the next few weeks. Nancy will go to Almart to see if Mark January would like to sell some of the shirts for the Alma Foundation: our cost for short sleeves is \$7.10 – he could sell short sleeves for \$10.00; cost for long sleeves is \$12.50 – he could sell for \$15.00; cost for hoodies is \$20.00 – he could sell for \$25.00. It was discussed that he could keep the mark up and we would break even. Town Hall could also have some shirts for sale at the same price as Almart. We might also post the 2 locations for t-shirt sales on our website, after determining if Almart would like to participate. It was also recommended that the volunteer's shirts should have a caption on them, such as EVENT THUGS, etc... Another suggestion was to keep it to one color next year, order less and, hopefully, run out of t-shirts for 2009. Also to have the t-shirts one month early to begin selling them.

TRASH: we need a better trash collection system. On Saturday night, dogs got into the trash. The trash must be dealt with on Saturday night.

HAY BALES: we did not have them this year and they were missed by our spectators. We could also consider purchasing "easy-ups".

DOOR PRIZES: we had over 100+ door prizes this year. We pulled tickets ahead of time in the Town Hall office with 3 individuals present and then announced the winners; this is a much more expedient method. It was recommended that we hold each drawing in the Alma Foundation Booth. The drawing time would be announced with other public service announcements and would be posted on our schedule. It was also recommended that we have a location in the Alma Foundation Booth for the door prizes. Vendors all

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contribute a door prize – it was recommended that the vendors provide a Certificate for the prize, that the vendors prizes be drawn on Saturday only and the winner must be present. The winner can then go directly to the vendor with the Certificate.

PRINTED AND ANNOUNCED SCHEDULE: recommended that the printed Schedule include more than just the band times; to include door prize drawing times, face painting or other activities in the kid's booth, etc...

MUSIC: Chip Barrett advised that a wonderful time was had by all, no major problems. Chip will continue to be our MC on Saturday, but will look to hire another MC for Sunday. One vendor with a Flute booth was playing his flute, using his PA which was too loud and interfered with the bands. It was recommended that next year any music associated booths be placed away from the stage end of the property. Various comments were made regarding the last band on Saturday night, Moose Knuckle – they were obscene. Many positive comments were made regarding the young teen-age band, the Circuit Breakers. The Sweats were unofficially voted the best of the fest.

VOLUNTEERS: Colleen Goettelman did an awesome job in scheduling the volunteers at the Foundation tent. John Deagan contributed his fantastic photography for the web site. Bubba donated \$804.00 for the wonderful Bloody Marys.

SIGNAGE: More Main Street signage was suggested. Posters should also be in the Foundation tent showing the public where their donated funds are being spent.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES:

Cemetery Preservation Conference: Ellen McMichael has obtained a grant from Park County Historic Preservation for \$500, the Town of Alma for \$500 and \$500 from the Alma Foundation to attend a preservation conference. Kat Brummit from the Town of Fairplay has asked if Ellen would come to the meeting on 08/04 to obtain support and funds from the Town of Fairplay as they would be interested in the information obtained. The Board members agreed that, at this time, we would like to concentrate on the Buckskin Cemetery.

John Deagan was contacted by a Ukrainian musicians group and they were advised that we are not in a position to assist with funding.

A children's theatrical group has asked if the Town/Alma Foundation would be interested in having their group perform in the Stone Church. It was suggested that she come to our meeting; she was not present.

A wedding will be held in the Stone Church this weekend.

MEETINGS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 5:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

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