

Alma Foundation Meeting Minutes

June 24th, 2014

1. **Call to order** - 6:07pm by Tim Zingler. Remington Baker, Tim Zingler, Matt May, Mark Bond, and Megan Potter present; as well as 13 members of the public.
2. **Approval of agenda** – Tim amends the agenda to include items 6a (Gateway Park) and 7a (Ladies’ Aid). All ayes.
3. **Approval of last month’s (and April’s) minutes** – Remington makes a motion to approve April’s minutes; it is seconded by Mark Bond. Mark makes a motion to approve May’s minutes; seconded by Remington.
4. **Treasurer’s report (Mark)** – Not available yet. Mark needs more information as he did not receive some of Nancy’s emails. This item has been tabled until complete and emailed to the board.
5. **Phone messages (forwarded to Town Hall)** – Per Nancy, nothing worthwhile was received.
6. **Community comment** – per Erica Duvic, volunteers are needed for the old courthouse project. Must be at least 18 years old; activities include painting and patching. Per Dave Aceto, NWF is “dragging their feet” about the Alma station remodel. It is currently tabled by the fire board. Per Ginni Greer, MRHi plans on working on the town cemetery with their Americorps crew. Tim Z. recommends removing trash, slash, and blowdowns. This project is to occur July 30th and July 1st with 10-11 volunteers. Getting a wood chipper and operator is discussed.
- 6a. **Gateway Park** – Tim Z. presents a map of the proposed open space area. Owner of the property would do a partial donation, and the appraisal will be done pro bono. To hold the lot for 6 months, the foundation would need to put in \$1000 of earnest money. All ayes; but Remington makes note of his reservations about the price.
7. **Ed Snell** – Per Beth Swanson, she is thankful for the Snell fund to be a part of the foundation; however Beth, Caroline, Dale, and Eric would like to set up a process to access the Snell fund without waiting on the board. (Reminder: The race is in August and volunteers will be needed.) The Snell group has been made aware of 2 families traveling long distance for medical care and they would like to help with funding. On another note, Tim Kneivel, from the first race in 1979, has written a historical novel titled “The Road the Buckskin Joe.” He is willing to donate 20% of the proceeds to the Ed Snell group. He will also be doing a book signing at Burro Days.
- 7a. **Ladies Aid** – Per Erica Duvic, the town has already signed the HistoriCorps contract to work on the building this fall. The Summit Foundation has provided \$5k and the Heritage Area is providing \$8k (as soon as the contract is signed). There is talk that the owner of the property behind the building would donate it to the town.
8. **Yard sale (recap)** - \$439.08 made from the rummage sale, \$63.00 food deposit. 1 truckload of stuff taken to Bristlecone Montessori for their upcoming sale.
9. **Father’s day party (recap)** - \$264.00 deposited for beverages. Tim Z is disappointed in the lack of volunteers. Overall a successful event, though.

10. **Wendy's Wildflowers (July 12th)** – MRHi will be providing sandwiches again. Seeds were ordered for this event, totaling \$300. A motion is made by Remington to donate \$100 to this cause, and seconded by Matt. All ayes.

11. **Festival, festival, festival** – Per Chip: audio will be moved, entertainment setup, some local. Same layout as last year – so far so good! Per Bonnie: the check-in table will be at “shortcut road.” Per Connie: Volunteers are being coordinated. Vendor spaces are full. Sponsorship is doing well - \$2k has been deposited. Per Remington: Discussion of marijuana smoking – “non-smoking” event. Possibility of Alma Police v. Security? Per Nancy: suggests the festival do the same advertising plan as last year. A motion is made by Remington and seconded by Mark. All ayes. Discussion is made to possibly use coins or tokens instead of tickets this year for beverages.

12. **Officers' reports** – Remington reports that a bicycle race forum has both the Race in the Clouds and Festival in the Clouds listed. Tim reports that he would like to see more volunteer action at future events, especially the Festival.

13. **Adjournment** – adjourned at 8:42 by Tim Z.