

ALMA FOUNDATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 4th, 2015

1. Call to Order/Agenda: Meeting called to order at 6:10pm by Tim Zingler. Others present include Matt May, Remington Baker, Mark Bond, Megan Potter, Nancy Comer, Jara Johnson, Erica Duvic, and Tim Balough. Agenda amended to include approval of minutes (item 2).
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve made by Mark. Seconded by Remington. All ayes.
3. Maria Simms: Maria was not available to attend this meeting.
4. Tim Balough: Tim would like to mail out broadband surveys to Alma area residents. The town board has approved money for printing these. Would like the Foundation to pay for postage — approximately \$600? He'd like to present the results to Park County (not a specific company) as they are trying to find the best route these services. Park County has also released an RFP for a tower survey regarding this subject. Tim Z. asks what this will achieve; Tim B. responds that proof of interest in this area is vital to move forward. Nancy asks how he obtained the data; Tim B. responds that he has a spreadsheet of landowners in the area from the assessor's office. Discussion on how to approach the mailing of these surveys — the idea of two sets of mailings, the second set being dependent on how many of the first ones are returned. Perhaps a 10% response rate could warrant another wave to be mailed out. Since the total number is about 600, it is decided that three consecutive mailings of 200 surveys should be sent. A motion is made by Tim Z. to approve (3) \$196.00 checks written to USPS....for every 20 returned, the next mailing can commence. This is seconded by Matt; all ayes.
5. Murder Mystery: This event is Saturday, January 17th at 6:00pm. Volunteers and participants are needed. Nancy would like help decorating on the 16th or 17th in the morning — she will email when a time is decided. Discussion made about food options. As there is a \$15.00 admission, the budget is typically \$5.00 per person on food so that a \$10.00 profit is achieved. Also, \$80.00 was spent on this year's script. Ideas include stew and bread, chocolate coins.
6. Treasurer's Report: Emailed previously to the board for review — End of the year report shows over \$11,000 in checks written, and about \$65,000 left in cash. Motion to approve made by Remington; seconded by Megan. All ayes. Erica Duvic reminds the board to submit to the SPNHA for Ladies' Aid Hall project money.
7. Board Comment: It is noted that two checks have been requested from the Ed Snell Fund. Remington poses the question, "When will we finish all these projects we have started?" The Clesson cabin is ready for the next steps — flooring, outhouse, electrical...it may be time to release an RFP for the electrical work. The CCD is still assessing the Riverwalk project. Ladies' Aid Hall is still in progress, and on the right track. Mark thanks Tim B. for staying on top of the local broadband internet meetings. Also thanks Matt for his time with the board. Regarding the Vice President position, Matt still feels he cannot uphold this as he has moved from Alma. Andrew Zimmerman has volunteered to take his place, and is thus elected.
8. Citizen Comment: Tim Balough informs the board that the fire station remodel has begun; the town board has approved money for materials. Two walls have been framed (although they may need to be redone according to Dave Aceto). Ceiling insulation has been installed. Erica Duvic informs that a Paris Mill public meeting is coming up in February and encourages attendance.
9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Tim Z. at 7:33pm. All ayes.