

ALMA FOUNDATION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 in the Stone Church

1. Call to order: At 6:12 By Tim Zingler. Board members present include Tim Zingler, Remington Baker, Mark Bond, and Megan Potter. Nancy Comer and 5 members of the public were also in attendance.
2. Approval of agenda: All ayes. No amendments needed.
3. a. Approval of February's minutes, b. Approval of March's minutes: Motion made by Tim Z. to approve both months' minutes, seconded by Mark B. All ayes.
4. a. Treasurer's Report (Mark): Report sent earlier to board members via email. Mark reports that he has started to like using Quicken for the bookkeeping, and that the Foundation holds nearly \$80,000 in all accounts. Remington B. makes a motion to approve the report; seconded by Tim Z. All ayes.
b. Soup Cook-Off Recap: Gained some new volunteers who helped with this event; about \$400 profit overall from this fundraiser.
5. Phone Messages (forwarded to Town Hall): Per Nancy, nothing to report.
6. Community Comment: Per Tim Balough, he has sent the results of the broadband survey to the email lists (although two more arrived today!). He believes it is enough to warrant a response from an ISP company. Another county broadband meeting is being held on Monday. Park County has applied for a DOLA grant for this project. There are options to build towers at Zebulon and Mt. Bross. At this point they seem to be waiting for a company to bite.
7. Insurance Policy Discussion (Background info: renewal in June makes it difficult to get current proof of insurance for certain summer events, such as Race in the Clouds with USFS.): All present agree that Ellen should continue with the plan to rebid for May 15th. It appears to be \$70.00 cheaper. Alternately, it may be wise to renew for 6 months and then rebid for annual insurance in January, in an attempt to have proof of insurance several months before any event occurs. May be OK for the bike race this year. The board would like to encourage the insurance agent to shop around during this time, as there may be a cheaper option out there.
8. River Walk Update: The owner of the property behind Ladies Aid Hall has signed a contract with the help of Bonnie. Looking at a price tag of \$165,000 with \$15,000 donated back at closing. However, it must be renegotiated if the appraisal shows a different price. Nancy and Jara are researching different grant options such as GOCO, Non-Motorized Trails, Landwater Trust, El Pomar, DOW, etc. \$20,000 commitment from Park County Conservation Trust, we can apply now. Looking to an updated master plan soon. The CCD is to soon be working on a Riverwalk plan. Bonnie needs \$1,000 earnest money (made out to Fidelity Title) for the upcoming transaction. Motion made by Remington B. to supply that money, seconded by Mark Bond. All ayes.
9. Wendy's Wildflowers (July 11th): Per Bonnie, maybe the teams can also patrol the Riverwalk area during this year's event. Also suggest picking up any litter, as it is a week prior to Festival. Would like to encourage volunteers to bring rakes to increase success of the seed planting. Remington B. makes a motion to allocate \$250 for wildflower seeds. It is seconded by Mark B. All ayes. Jara volunteers to check with the bulk supplier she has used in the past for seeds.
10. Town Clean-Up Day/Alma Foundation Rummage Sale (June 6th): It is discussed that we will discard leftovers from those who donated; however those selling items must take their leftover

items with them. Will not accept televisions or similar electronics.

11. Festival News: Per Dave Aceto, there was a small miscommunication with the Forest Service regarding the race permit — it is not for 5 years as previously thought, but they are still on board for this year. Dave is still working everything out, but it all seems to be going ok. He does not plan on having race t-shirts this year. Per Tim Z., he is in contact with the beer supplier. Has interest in getting South Park Brewery to provide a keg or two for the event. Regarding vendors, close to 50 of the available 55 spaces have been booked. Security is still in question. Regarding the power issues, an application has been submitted for the new pole, but it is unlikely to happen this year. Dale has an extension cord that may help with the issue. The South Park Rec Center has expressed interest in sponsoring a cardboard boat race for kids, hopefully will arrive at next meeting to discuss.
12. Scholarships: The Foundation received 5 applications total for the two \$1000 scholarships available. All attendees of the meeting read the applications and voted on their top two choices. Two winners were chosen with this method (Alden Scholl and Mikayla Hall), and Megan P. will make plans to present at graduation and will be in touch with the high school guidance counselor about it.
13. Officer's Reports: Per Remington B., the power app for the stage is submitted. He is also in touch with Parks & Wildlife office. Has done some research on security; finds most companies do not want to travel to Alma. Per Mark B., he put the Clesson Cabin electrical work out for bid about ten days ago, and is reviewing the bids he has received so far. Per Tim Z., considering getting sponsorships for the Alma disc golf course? The Fairplay location is doing well with this. Also, he has heard from Beth Swanson that Trevor and Jody from True Value are interested in doing a lot for the Ed Snell race, but she prefers a sponsorship to another "town party." Hope to redirect their energy to less developed events, such as the Father's Day BBQ.
14. Adjournment: Motion made by Tim Z. at 8:10pm. 2nd by Remington B. All ayes.