

Bluegrass Board Meeting
Board Meeting Minutes: November 15, 2023
Time: 6:30PM
Location: 1881 Dixie Highway, Suite 130, Fort Wright, KY 41011

Board Members:

Susanne Ganshirt, Freedom Nader, Andrew Wartman, Vickie Mertz, Ryan Rawe, Lauren Trondle, Leighton Schrand

Others Present:

Matt Carothers

Finance Report:

- Reviewed financials with Matt; discussed spreadsheet provided by Don, but many questions remained.
- Looked at our income versus expenses for 2023 and outstanding bills owed: Painting, Lawncare and still have more questions.
- We plan to invite Don to our next meeting to go over this information in a bit more detail to figure out where we sit financially as we embark on repairs/a new pool renovation.

Physical Plant Director Report:

- We have received a quote from Shamrock for \$27,000 to complete the repair. We are still waiting for a quote for the repair from PSS Contractors. We are expected to receive on by Friday, November 17th. **Ryan** will provide the update to the board. We also requested a quote for the entire pool rebuild from Shamrock. Hoping to have numbers to compare by the next board meeting. At this moment, we have been told numbers between \$1.5M up to \$2.8M. *These quotes consist of the entire pool, concrete to the sundeck and around the pool and filtration.*
- The pool repairs are a must to open the pool next year and future years. With the repairs, we may have a few years of life left in the pool, but we do need to prepare for a rebuild.
- We also need to address the valve that has been purchased, but not yet installed.

Pool Repair/Rebuild Next Steps:

- **Ryan** will get quotes from both Shamrock and PSS. Once they are received, he will notify the board.
- **Lauren** will then reach out to a few commercial lenders to get an idea of what we are up against with regarding downpayment, loan duration, interest, etc.
- Immediate: **Susanne** is calling upon the City of Fort Wright to see if we can utilize the South Hills Civic Club at no cost or a very low cost for all 3 of our Townhall Meetings
 - **Proposed Dates for Townhall Meetings: January 11th, February 8th and March 14th at 7pm**
- Once we have a location determined, the letter written by our Board will be dispersed via email, Facebook and notifications on Instagram about the upcoming meetings. We are also looking into designing a mailer (postcard) and sending out to our entire membership.
- We will be collecting RSVPs to help determine the numbers of attendance and to keep track of those who are there or missing throughout. **Lauren** will create a tracker for people to RSVP and a QR code to put on our mailer for quicker registration. We need members present. ****IF RSVPs are**

looking low, we need a strategy to reach out to our members – maybe phone calls/text messages from us personally?

- **Ryan & Andy:** reaching out to architects for building designs. Thinking we may want to present a few so that our members have options and input.
- **Lauren:** Compose PowerPoint of our needs, proposal, etc (more information for this will be determined at our next board meeting)
- **How will we pay for this?**
 - Members (companies they are involved in, own or donations they are willing to make)
 - Letter to businesses in Fort Wright to see if they would be willing to support
 - Letter in the St. Agnes Bulletin
 - Going to the Fort Wright City and asking for support; Bluegrass is a staple in our community.
 - Possible grant money or available grants
 - Continuous fundraising throughout the summer
 - Raising Dues – possibly over the course of the next three years
 - Open to ideas from our members at the Town Hall

AED Update: We originally were waiting for them to be back in stock with our manufacturer. However, we are going to also try getting this through Cameron's Cause. **Andy** is going to write the request for our pool, as they give Free AEDs for certain groups or organizations.

Season Closing – Where are we? What's left to do?

- Cover pool - **HAVE TO ADD WATER - WHEN TBD**
- Clean concession stand - **MJ, SUSANNE, ANDY – WHEN?**
- Empty ice machine/winterize. **DONE**
- Clean front entrance
- Take diving boards down - **RYAN - ANDY - LEIGHTON**
- Plastic Tarps on Lifeguard Chairs - **ANDY TO GET**
- Put lane lines away - **MJ**
- Stop garbage pickup - **MJ - NOV. 1ST**
- Winterize pool/bldg. **BUTLER PLUMBING - CAN'T DO TIL LEAK FIXES - RYAN**
- Turn off cable, phone -
- Electronics out of building, anything else? - **TV'S DOWN - ANDY - STORE IN FREEZER IN BACK OF MAINTENANCE CLOSET**
- What Else?
- **CLEAN & COVER GRILLS AND PUT AWAY - FLAGS/ BREAKER BANNER - HOLE IN FENCE - ANDY**

Social Media

- Advertise Hiring Lifeguards Now – FB page, email to members, marquee @ city building **SUSANNE WILL CONTACT CITY BUILDING TO POST ON MARQUEE**, high school newsletters (**NEED CONTACTS @ DIXIE, CCH, NDA, HOLY CROSS?**). We must do this early and often. Who is Point of Contact? **FREEDOM, USE BG EMAIL**. We can't wait until spring to respond.
- Website updates. Who can do this? I think Chris has access to it. **SUSANNE WAITING ON RESPONSE FROM CHRIS SEITZ FOR WEBSITE LOGIN**
- **Instagram page is created. FaceBook page access has been granted to Lauren.**

