

Minutes of West Union 4th Of July Celebration Committee Meeting of 2/15/18

Meeting was opened at 6:35PM with the following attendance: Jozella, Mike Bumpus, Reta Bumpus, Liz St John, Debbie St John, Dan St John, Kim St John, Rob Morris, Layman Davison, Sharon Davison, Barb Heleine, Charlie Jackson, Marjorie Jackson, and Steve Atwood (Chairman).

Minutes from last meeting were read.

Atwood announced that Jake Hoult Band is under contract to perform at the event.

Atwood informed the committee that Linda Murphy was anxious to revive the Pageant, and that Kerrie Monk and Dianne Cody said she could do so. Atwood informed the committee they had to decide tonight if or not there would be a Pageant. Atwood opened the floor for discussion, which ensured for some time. Topics included a question asked to Atwood if the Pageant made the Celebration money, which Atwood answered it certainly never lost money, but last year with no Pageant was the best year financially since he has been involved, so was uncertain how to give a definitive answer. Also discussed was the question of Public relations and controversy that seemed to shroud the Pageant. Some spoke out in favor of, some against. As discussion ceased, Atwood informed the committee they must decide this evening, and there would be a vote, and that a blank piece of paper would be handed to everyone to vote yes or no. Atwood collected the votes and Barb Heleine counted, with a vote of 7 Against, and 6 For. There will be no 4th Of July Pageant.

Atwood informed the committee that he had a discussion with the Fireworks Company, and the prices should be about the same as last year (\$5,500), and for an additional \$600 we could double the grand finally display. Committee ruled in favor of this.

Raffle Prizes will again be cash in the amount of \$200 1st, \$100 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd.

Schedule discussion and schedule tentatively set with Flag Ceremony at 11:00 AM. After parade, which is set by the West Union Community Club, but has been at 2:00 PM for years, Youth Pedal Pull at 3:00PM, Corn Toss at 3:30PM, Auction at 5:00PM, with entertainment starting after the auction, hopefully at 6:45PM, and ceasing at 9:00 PM, with a 15 minute break mid-way which will be filled in by possibly a short devotion and tribute to members of the celebration that were lost this past year. Time slot for the 3-on-3 basketball tourney was tabled till Atwood can discuss if or not Linda wants to continue the tourney. and if so, if she wants to keep the 5:30PM time slot. The time between 9:00 PM and fireworks time at 9:15 will be filled in by music and the raffle drawings.

Discussion regarding the deterioration condition of the picnic tables in the shelter. Barb Helene is going to look into cost of re-usable vinyl tablecloths and report next meeting.

Personnel to collect prizes and set up and take down were discussed, as Burt and Joe Riggs helped considerably with these.

Net meeting will be called by Atwood sometime in the 3rd or 4th week of March.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.