

LRLA Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 18th – 6:30pm Watab Town Hall

Call to order by Mary Kivi

Attendance: Mary Kivi, Corrine Jacobs, Liz Ring via Zoom, Chuck Rau, Frank Hard, Jason Lage, Ginny Rueter, Pat Gohla, Rob Jacobs

Opening: Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Additions
 - i. Old bills to be paid – added by Frank
2. President's Report – Mary Kivi
 - a. Mary spoke with Natasha Barber from Sauk Rapids Herald and got the meeting time/date added to the paper
 - b. Checking with School and Parents to see if we can get an article regarding the Rice Elementary lake clean up drawing winners (both brothers) in the Sauk Rapids Herald
3. Treasurer's Report – Frank Hard will address at Membership meeting
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership: Liz and Ginny
 - i. Liz received some dues
 - b. Fundraising: Corrine and Amy
 - i. Received another \$100 from a LRLA member
 - ii. FB post reached 3488 with 47 shares
 - iii. Envelopes were made out by Corrine and given to Frank to fill with donations he has already received from area Clubs for prize give aways
 - iv. Still need volunteers
 - i. to help with setting up the event – be there at 10:30
 - ii. selling tickets on Friday night if Rumors is not having a meat raffle
 - c. Plant Sale: Jason and Mary
 - i. We only received one person interested in plants so far
 - i. How do we want to handle this?
 - a. LRLA is not able to help with the match
 - b. Would Jason still want to assist in planting?
 - c. Plan to let them know that unless we have more support we are not able to help at this time
 - d. Eco Harvester: Frank, Rob and Chuck
 - i. Had a meeting with the county/AIS board
 - i. Board gave out 14k for wetland projects
 - ii. Reviewed the budget
 - a. Admin cost for the county is 11k
 - iii. Would get 100k for initial purchase and work down 70k over many years
 - iv. We still need to figure out if we really need it

- a. Plant survey will be done at the end of June
 - b. Discuss with Eric to see if we should pursue
 - e. Website: Ginny and Jason
 - i. Reviewed and discussed the edits to submit to Brian Laverdiere
 - ii. Next meeting Jason will present upcoming website changes
 - iii. Prioritizing data such as minutes of meetings, upcoming events, membership info, historical context
 - iv. Will look into getting Paypal set up fixed
 - i. Use for membership dues
 - ii. Use for picnic donations and other events
 - f. Annual Picnic – Saturday, September 11th @ Lakeview Center: Mary, Corrine and Pat
 - i. Mary has deposit paperwork for Frank to fill out – rates have gone up in price
 - i. \$250 with a \$200 damage deposit
 - ii. Picnic dates have changed in the past years due to drawdown and Covid
 - a. Would like to use damage deposit as deposit to rent it for next year to keep in line with the bylaws
 - i. Frank motioned that due to Covid related closures and unavailability of event centers we would move this years annual picnic to the second Saturday in Sept – Corrine seconded – approved by board
 - b. Will have a Silent Auction at this years picnic
 - g. Amazon Smile
 - i. Type in “Amazon Smile” in the search field and look for LRLA to start donating
 - ii. Easy to generate monies for the association
5. New Business
 - a. Letter received from a member to protect the plants from geese – Steve Seviola
 - i. Mary added it to the Membership meeting agenda
 - ii. Need money to purchase steaks, string and banners to keep the geese away
 - i. Frank will call Steve to find out how much he is needing for this
 - ii. Rob motioned for LRLA to pay up \$1000 to put towards stakes around the areas where the geese are eating the vegetation – Jason seconded and it was approved
 - b. Recruiting new board members
 - i. Many terms are coming up and we need new active board members
 - ii. Talk to your neighbors
 - iii. Solicit at the member meetings
 - iv. Add it to the Newsletter
 - c. Look into Membership card that gives you deals around the community – previously talked about by Ginny
 - i. Ginny will check on the cost
 - ii. Mary will check with her contacts as well
 - iii. Email Ginny with businesses ideas that she should reach out to
 - d. Garage Sale around Little Rock Lake and Harris Channel Road
 - i. Ginny has withdrawn this idea
 - e. Nicks Plants and Produce – Corrine and Frank visited

- i. Have fundraising ideas for planted pots– sun/shade
 - ii. Would need to pre-order by February
 - iii. They deliver
 - iv. LRLA would get 30% from sales
 - v. Would use the LRLA website for purchases
 - vi. Kick off at the picnic to let people know this is coming and will be available
 - vii. Ginny motioned to look further into this and Pat seconded – approved by board
 - f. Clean up around Little Rock Lake and Harris Channel
 - i. Have members talk with their neighbors to get a clean up day
 - g. Amnesty day
 - i. Mary will call Julie Johnson to see if we can work the Amnesty day this year
 - ii. Mary will put it in our newsletter
 - h. What to do with our Old Records?
 - i. Frank has 4 boxes would like to bring to St. Cloud Historical Society
 - ii. Mary would like to review prior
 - iii. Frank will set up a date and send an email for others to join
 - i. Old bills that need to be paid
 - i. Frank was able to find a case for his computer and projector
 - ii. Came in way under budget
6. Meeting Close: motioned to adjourn

Next Meeting: June 15th – 6:30pm @ Township Hall