

Restore Avilla Board

February 13, 2023

In attendance: Todd Carteaux, Kevin Kelly, Shalimar Holderly, Tena Woenker, Bill Freeman, Ann Freeman, Katie Schaeffer Guest: Glenn Wills

Todd called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Minutes:

ACTION: Tena W. moved to approve the minutes from November 14, 2022. Ann F. seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$18,828.08. We had \$32 in deposits. Tena has submitted the request for \$5000 from the town which should clear in mid/late March.

ACTION: Katie S. moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ann F. seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mural: Shalimar H. shared a rough draft of the "Mural Brochure" for prospective artists. Editorial changes were made. We determined to take "Avilla Churches" off the list and combine the St. James Hotel, Railroad, and Historic Downtown into one item. We are also requesting that the mural include the wording "Welcome to Avilla" or "Avilla, Indiana" as part of the image. QR codes were suggested to guide the artists to pictures and stories about the history of Avilla. A deadline of June 1 was suggested for artists to submit their proposals. Proposals can be e-mailed to the Town Hall. Shalimar will make editorial changes and send to committee by e-mail for approval.

A suggestion was made to create a plaque that would be fixed to the building below the mural. This plaque would give some background on the images in the mural and include logos for Restore Avilla and OCRA. We will also look into the cost of providing lighting to light the mural at night.

Tena is still looking into grants. We will not be able to make Spring 2023 grant deadlines. We are looking at being ready to apply for grants in Fall 2023/Spring 2024 with a goal of having the mural completed by the end of 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Clean Up: The Park Board has scheduled a clean up day for Avilla Parks on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am-1pm with Eley Park being the main focus. Restore Avilla agreed to support this event through promotion and participation if any members are available to participate.

Kevin K. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Ann F. seconded. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be at the Town Hall on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Shalimar Holderly, Secretary

PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

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In attendance: Todd Carteaux, Kevin Kelly, Shalimar Holderly, Tena Woenker, Bill Freeman, Ann Freeman, Katie Schaeffer Guest: Glenn Wills

Katie called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Market: Katie has 10 vendors lined up for the 2023 Community Market. She is working on getting quotes for new yard signs and is looking into a banner for the Fence that can be removed when not in use. She is also looking into getting stickers for the signs. The 2023 Market will be held the 1st and 3rd Saturday from 9am-1pm.

Town Party: Katie is working on a July 1st party in conjunction with the Park Board, the Fire Department, and the Library and perhaps other partners such as the Auxiliary. Plans include opening fire hydrants for children to play in the water, and having one or more Food Trucks available. There is a potential for the event to include an opportunity for fundraising.

Noble Palooza: Katie will have a table for Restore at Noble Palooza on March 11th. Flyers about the Community Market will be available.

Flowers: Katie is working on procuring wine barrel flower planters for the parks and is working on finding volunteers to assist in keeping them watered.

Circus: The possibility of bringing a circus to town was mentioned. This idea did not receive much excitement or support due to the fact that this particular circus uses animals and the circus environment is not good for animal well-being.

Ann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Todd C. seconded. Motion passed.