

NCBCA
April 7, 2021
Zoom Meeting
1 pm (ET)

1. Introductions –

Henry Timm, Joyce Forbes, Koby Keck, Sandy Raabe, Trudy Menke, Peg Adams, Craig Langhofer, Dan Caruso, Jim Masters, Bob Humbarger, Chris Marbach, Kim Vaundry

2. Guest Speaker – Koby Keck, Hometown Days President

The vision of this 501c3 organization is for the event to be the "can't miss" weekend in New Carlisle. HTD began in 2005 after the Hill & Dale Club made the decision to discontinue sponsoring Historical Days. The name was changed to better reflect the focus of the festival – to provide a venue for groups and organizations to fundraise and to showcase the town of New Carlisle. The festival features vendors in the park (arts and crafts, antiques, home based businesses, and a variety of food), entertainment, games and activities for kids (bounce houses, carnival games, Tractor Pull), fireworks on Friday night, a parade sponsored by the NCBCA on Saturday and the Wiffleball Championship. One of the biggest benefits to the town is that visitors not only come to the festival, but return at other times throughout the year to shop and enjoy the local cuisine. Koby's presentation encouraged more community participation in the form of joining the planning committee (meets at the NC Public Library on the 4th Monday of each month), conduct fundraisers and other events during the weekend of HTD (not just park activities, but around town as well), businesses could enter a float in the parade and last, but certainly not least, host your out of town family and friends during this special weekend.

For more information, contact Koby or Kim Vaundry, or login to the festival website, hometowndays.net.

Comments –

Dan wondered if HTD would qualify for CARES act funds. Joyce suggested that Mindie Colanese at 1st Source Bank might have more information.

Koby also mentioned that St. Joseph County Covid mandates will be followed.

Peg made a motion to donate \$1,500. for the 2021 event. Craig seconded and the motion carried.

3. Approval of March 3, 2021 Minutes

Motion – Kim

2nd – Craig

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Treasurer's Report –
Motion – Peg
2nd – Chris
Motion carried.
Treasurer, Sandy Raabe mentioned that going forward she will be utilizing online banking through 1st Source to avoid the monthly service fee.
5. Membership Update – Peg Adams
33 Members as of today. 15 former members have not paid their 2021 fee. Peg will send that list to Craig who will contact those businesses.
6. Upcoming Events –
NC United Methodist Church – 4/16 4:30-7 pm Drive-Thru Swiss Steak dinner \$10., 5/1 11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt, 5/15 Outdoor Spring Bazaar
4/8 5:30 pm Prayer Vigil for Grace
Trudy shared that she had referred Henry Timm/Phantom to Hawkins Print Shop in LaPorte. Also, that she has completed training to add Decision Coach as a service that she offers through her business, Reframing Leadership.
7. Adjourn –
Motion – Craig
2nd – Henry
Motion carried.

Next meeting, May 5 at 1 p.m., tentative plan is to hold the meeting on the NCPL patio. Dan Caruso with the Open Space Alliance will be the guest speaker.