

MCRF Membership Meeting Minutes, January 8th, 2020

Present: *MCRF Members:* TJ Brom, Craig Coen, Andy McGuire, Allison McGuire, Chris Meyers, JW Mullens, Chris Roorda, Dave Sedivec, Margaret Spiegel, Levi Tarbell and Virginia Walker

MCRF Exec Board: Bill Almond, Ben Boeke, Joe Crookham, Carl Drost, Scottie Moore, Bob Morris, Steve Parker, Jennifer Peterson, John Pothoven, Todd Roach, Heidi Scholes, Paula Wright, and Sherry Vavra.
MCRF staff: MaKenzie McCarty

John Pothoven called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Self-introductions given by board members.

John asked for approval of April 10th, 2019 membership meeting minutes. Carl noted an amendment of Ryan Park to Ryan Parker. Joe made a motion, Scottie seconded, for approval as amended. Passed.

John shared the annual Progress Report (handout given), including the treasurer's report. John noted the hotel-motel tax at over just over \$100,000. Sherry noted 10,531 volunteers' hours, valued at \$23.42/hr per *independentsector.org*, totaling near \$250,000 in 2019. Sherry thanked volunteers. Carl made a motion, Scottie seconded to approve treasurer's report, motion passed.

Sherry announced John Pothoven and Bob Nielsen as MCRF Board candidates for re-election. Bio sheets and ballots were given and a secret ballot election was held. MaKenzie and Todd counted votes. There were no write-ins. Both candidates were elected to fill terms expiring December 31, 2023.

Dave Sedivec reported for MCCB. The Environmental Learning Center had grand opening. He thanked MCRF for the golf cart use. John thanked Dave and invited further partnership. **Margaret Spiegel** spoke for Nelson Pioneer Farm. 2019 served 2,600 people and brought a new roof on the brick house. She thanked MCRF for use of the yellow tram. **JW Mullins** spoke for MCSC youth soccer. Participation has increased. He thanked MCRF for the facilities. He reported for youth football who will host a 7 on 7 state championship at Lacey in the fall, offering learning in a non-contact safe setting. **TJ Brom, Chris Roorda & Chris Meyers** spoke for Oskaloosa Disc Golf. They had 516 players. Their tournament raised \$2,620. 2 clinics were given at area high schools. They wish to host a world championship in Oskaloosa and hope for a course at Lacey Complex, Carl replied for them to present written plans. Ben asked for information on locations. Meyers will add links online. Joe suggested sharing online through MCRF. Sherry will follow up. **Levi Tarbell** spoke for YMCA. A free basketball camp resulted in 5 new players. 60 youth played football. They will soon break ground on the early childhood center. **Craig Cohen** for Trees Forever offered to plant trees at Lacey Complex when needed. He also spoke for Keomah Village. The lake is scheduled for renovation in 2023. Long term goal is for trail out to Lake Keomah. **Virginia Walker** spoke for Stone Mansion. Many guests love tram tours. MCRF restaurant guides are helpful to her guests. **Andy McGuire** spoke for George Daily Auditorium. Youth theater outreach included 1,200 kids. They anticipate 60 for Missoula Theater. *Llama, Llama Live* offers a show for all kindergarteners.

At the completion of reports, Carl stated that MCRF has a trams that can be loaned but the electric trams are not available. Joe shared about the Solar System, noting 3 dimensions: size, distance and time. 450 loads of dirt are being moved to make the platform for Pluto. He shared ideas for building a scale model of the Mercury 7, a stage coach, and the Mayflower, for people to see inside. This will be a gathering place, with video screens at kiosks & an amphitheater, all handicap accessible. An annual contest will challenge youth to find the "best new idea." Carl shared that a science teacher will help with the educational piece John thanked Joe and Musco for all they do for youth recreation. Joe added that Musco is working with US Soccer Federation to install mini pitch courts around the country. The goal is to install 1,000 by 2026. Margaret stated that a telescope would be good for the solar walkway. Joe said that it has already been purchased.

With no other items for consideration, John adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m

Sherry Vavra, MCRF
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