



**Enjoy Pekin – Tourism Committee
Tuesday September 13, 2016 City Hall – 4:00pm**

MINUTES

Present: Emily, Sarah, Kaci, and Lelonie
Absent: Renna, Mayor McCabe, and Bill Fleming

1.0 Tourism Grant applications:

- 1.1 Pekin Academy of Fine Arts "Mr. Lincoln Play": Emily made a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$290.17, seconded by Lelonie. All in favor, motioned passed.
- 1.2 Pekin Academy of Fine Arts "August Third Thursday Concert": Emily made a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$50.00, seconded by Lelonie. All in favor, motioned passed.
- 1.3 Pekin Academy of Fine Arts "September First Friday": Emily made a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$83.33, seconded by Lelonie. All in favor, motioned passed.
- 1.4 Pekin Academy of Fine Arts "August First Friday": Emily made a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$100.00, seconded by Lelonie. All in favor, motioned passed.
- 1.5 Pekin Academy of Fine Arts "July First Friday": Emily made a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$50.00, seconded by Lelonie. All in favor, motioned passed.
- 1.6 Pekin Memorial Hospital Foundation: Dash at Dusk 5K: Waiting on the close-out form.

2.0 Tourism activities:

- 2.1 LedgeStone Disc Golf Tournament updates: Paula to send out a Close out form. Kaci stated there were about 1,000 attendee's.
- 2.2 Pekin Community Tourism Forum update: Renna attended, very good turnout, about 17 attendees. Round table discussion was about partnerships and what this group would like to see happening. Suggestions included a way to track referrals to other businesses, so the referring business can be acknowledged. They like to see kids volunteering and businesses partnering to with npo's to make that happen. Vicki from the Dome reminded everyone there that the Dome has free/discounted rentals for npo's.
 - 2.2.1 Next meeting Thursday, October 6th at 11:30am at the Mashie's.
- 2.3 Community Events: No updates.

3.0 Advertisements/Public Relations:

3.1 Nothing at this time.

4.0 Tourism project planning/budget

4.1 The Cincinnati Circus Brochures. No monies in the Tourism budget.

5.0 Other business

- PACVB updates: Food Truck Frenzy downtown Peoria; September 17th. Peoria's Fine Arts Fair; September 24th.
- Kaci stated if not too late, will try and schedule a Halloween 5K run in Pekin. PACVB will try and help outlining cities in events.
- PACVB (Don) will see when he can attend a City of Pekin Council Meeting for a presentation. Kaci took down several dates and will let Sarah know.
- Enjoy Pekin/Chamber updates: No updates
- Enjoy Pekin Committee can do to help with the Riverfront. Sarah has talked with the Street Dept. on signage being outdated, faded, and torn. Sarah is researching grant options. Also need to determine on the Riverfront restrooms. Sarah has spoken with the clean-up company. Restrooms are cleaned and not long after there are complaints of the restrooms being filthy. Plastic bottles were stuffed down the drains the last complaint. Members felt maybe Volunteers may help keep an eye out down at the Riverfront? Pekin Park District plans on having the Christmas tree's down at the Riverfront this year.

Next meeting – Tuesday, October 11th at 4:00, Pekin City Hall

Respectfully submitted

Enjoy Pekin Tourism Committee Secretary

Paula Gensel