

EVANSVILLE DOG OWNERS GROUP

February 16, 2016

Little Italy Restaurant on First Avenue

Attending: President Kevin Young, Vice President Tracey Tomes, Secretary Alice Rademacher, Membership Co-Chair Terri Hopple, Board Members Pam Arnold, and Lori Young and members Kary Wade and John Rademacher.

Kevin opened the meeting at 6:04pm.

Treasurer's Report:

- We will wait until Randy is back.

Membership:

- Kevin brought up the idea of having all dues renewed in January or June and only paying the balance when people sign up for the year in the middle of the year. Alice warned against it because people in the past only join for summer and not pay yearly dues. We tried it once before with no success but there is always hope.

Old Business:

- Mower - Kevin reported that Matt read him in on the mower's operation.
- Tracey suggested that we get people to chair major aspects of the park so they become more familiar with it. We need someone to chair Donations, Grounds, Building, Fundraising and outreach, and Banners.
- Building - Kevin had previously reported that the paneling that we installed on work day is already buckling. He was going to investigate a better wall board but will try to get someone to spearhead the wall board and gutters. Kary said her husband, Robert, would probably be interested in helping with that. Alice will get rid of the extra insulation or store it upstairs until the rest of the insulation can be installed. She will only leave enough downstairs to finish the wall that still needs to be covered.
- Road - Everyone is still complaining about the road back to the park. Randy reported to Kevin that Greg Deweese will grade it for us.
- April 23 is still a good day for our special event to promote membership and interest in the park. April 30 was discussed as a back up date which the committee will discuss. Pam reminded everyone to sign up in the book when they volunteer for the Park. Terry can run to Sam's for concessions if we need her to. Pam, Kevin, Alice and Lori will meet at Alice's on 2/23 at 5pm. Alice reminded us that we voted a long time ago to allow police K9s free membership. It would be good for Kevin to know when he asks for their participation. Kary mentioned that silent auctions don't have to be licensed if we want to raise money that way at the Special Event. Tracey suggested we have several groups share a banner for the special event to bring down the price individually but increase participation over all. It was well received. We would like to have a Pet Tricks Contest at this event.

- At the last meeting Tracey suggested we try to do something to draw attention to our First Avenue sign. Alice suggested adding a silhouette in maroon to the top of the sign that are dogs playing. Pam will see if she can get something donated. Alice suggested we put up a large concrete statue of a dog in a play bow to draw attention to the park. Nothing was decided.
- Kevin reported that Torian Hoffman and Dillow couldn't beat our price on insurance. However he did speak to Jerry at Neace Lukens and suggested we lower our fire coverage from \$100,000 to \$ 50,000 and increase medical payment to \$25,000. They can cover the Building at \$15,000 with \$500 deductible and cover lawn mower for \$7000 with \$1000 deductible for \$375. A motion was made and passed to cover the building and lawn mower.

New Business:

- The next meeting will be March 23 at Little Italy at 6:00pm and 5:30 for special events committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Alice Rademacher