

Thursday, December 14th, 2023

The Rock Port Tourism Board met Thursday, December 14th, 2023, at 6 pm at Rock Port City Hall. Members present were Holly Huntley, Charlie Clodfelter, Mark Schoonover, Jody VanSickle, Ashtyn Beatty, and Kate Curry. Tami Lansdown, Angela Mace, and Thea Lewis were absent. No visitors were present.

Meeting Agenda

Holly called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Holly moved to approve the meeting agenda. Charlie seconded. All votes aye.

Meeting Minutes & Financials

Holly moved to approve the November 10th, 2023 meeting minutes. Jody seconded. All votes aye.

Kate moved to approve the November 2023 Financials. Charlie seconded. All votes aye.

Projects & Events

Christmas Lights Challenge

Emily uploaded a map on the city website showing houses that have registered within the city. It was decided that all members will submit their votes for top 2 businesses and top 3 residentially by midnight on December 23rd, 2023. We will submit our votes individually via email to Emily at rpcityhall@rpmo.com. Kate will post these details in the group text.

Fire Department Christmas Santa Visit Update

Holly spoke to Scott Jones regarding the Santa Visit, he stated the candy/fruit costs came in right around \$1500 of the approved \$2000 budget.

2024 Superhero Bowl

Holly spoke to Raechel regarding a Saturday in January for the Superhero Bowl. Raechel does not have availability in January. Event is tabled for now.

Garland & Lights

Holly wrapped the light poles with garland and lights. It was discovered that the garland is not long enough to cover the entire pole. We had discussed new garland and lights in the November meeting. It was discussed that these items will be going on sale after the holiday. Charlie moved to approve \$2000 towards new lights and garland for next season. Jody approved. Ashtyn will shop for these items.

Proceeds from Band Nights

Holly delivered the donation checks the 3 chosen recipients of band night proceeds. We received a thank you from C.A.R.E which was read during the meeting. Holly got pictures with 2 of the recipients and will put a write up in the paper regarding the donations.

Band Nights 2024

Band nights in 2024 were discussed. We discussed other options besides bands. Midget wrestling, a comedian, and a Semi, car, and bike show being other options.

Storage Unit

Kate reported that Natalie Harmon may have a unit open in the next few months and that they are running \$70/month, but the price will probably increase some in 2024. We have not had a chance to see what we are currently storing, so this item is tabled for now.

Turbine Blade

This item is tabled for now as Kate was informed the school art teacher won't be back until January.

Quilt Show Update

Tami provided a written update for the Quilt Show. There were over 300 guests from 6 states in attendance. Every 10th visitor received a door prize and quilt related prizes were given to each quilter. Please see attached written update for the full update. All in all, the event was a success and "Grandma's Attic" was a hit!

Summer Palooza

Jody moved to approve Summer Palooza 2024, Kate seconded. All votes aye.

Other Events

We discussed other events we are interested in for the upcoming 2024 year. Some ideas were 4th of July activities, Thanksgiving Parade, Christmas Light Parade. Holly suggested that at the next meeting we map out our 2024 activities and who will head each activity.

Other Business

Mike Farmer resigned from the board before the November meeting. This leaves the Vice President seat open. No volunteers for this position, so it is tabled until the next meeting. The Tourism Board would like to thank Mike Farmer for his service! He will be missed!

The next meeting is set for January 11th, 2024, 6 pm at City Hall.

Charlie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Holly seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Curry
Tourism Board Secretary

2023 Quilt Show

By Tami Lansdown -RPTB member

300+ guest in attendance from 6 States

175 quilts on display

6 categories

Hand pieced - machine pieced - Needle work - Applique - Table runner/ small wall hanging - Beginner

18 metals for category winners 1st -3rd

1 Metal for Viewers choice

1 Metal for Best of Show

18 Gift Certificates to Quilters Boutique

Door Prizes given to every 10th visitor

Quilt related prizes given to each quilter.

Community Hospital Auxiliary sold tickets to win a vintage signature quilt

Needlework Guild - Nebraska City Set up a table for a quilt raffle.

Quilts of Valor presented 2 quilts to deserving service men.

At least 20 volunteers put in numerous hours to help with the event. Cleaning, setting up tables, chairs, quilt stands, and cleaning up afterwards.

Wonderful food provided by River Rock Lanes

In the theater we created, "Grandmas Attic" it was a huge hit this year. Instead of a speaker we encouraged friends, community members and TB members to bring vintage quilts to be displayed. This display was made possible by volunteers Amy Skillen, Nikki Hunter, Kim Brake and TB member Angela Mace. They provided furniture and display

pieces and several family quilts. They spent the day helping by greeting visitors and made sure all quilts were kept safe. This made the space feel just like "Grandmas Attic".