

County Line #1751 Meeting: June 14, 2017-Grange Hall

Hosting: Terry C., Stephanie B.

JoEllen read highlights from last meeting minutes

**Community service:** Lisa asked please turn in forms, if you worked Relay for Life be sure to put that on your volunteer list

**Fair board**, from recent storm there are two poles, two fences down, they are out there now working on it.

**Grange day**, postponed to Sept. as there is too much going on next few months.

**Communications:** JoEllen has checks for interest on our CDs. Passed them to Noah for deposit. Our grange received two letters from our scholarship winners. One from Diana Resendez with all her school information, and one from Brandon Decato, telling us Thank you very much and included his information so we can send their checks directly to their schools. Reminder we only send direct to the school, not the kids.

**JoEllen** asked who is going to State Grange as sign up needed by 1<sup>st</sup>, we need to decide this tonight.

**Reports** to Pomona, doing tonight.

We received four (4) checks for Relay for Life, JoEllen has copy of the invoices. Note, they used to pay us that day but now it goes to regional, to pay. Check out the Boone County Fair Little Miss pageant. JoEllen's granddaughter is contestant for Little Miss, cost is \$50. If we sponsor her our grange information will go out on all the advertisements! Great PR. Our \$50 will go a long way.

**Treasurer's report:** 5488.95. minus 1200, scholarships. We will get back money from Relay for Life, This year we provided meals for 100 people, total 663.00 (last year was 585.00) , (for 40 people) labor valued at 450. (members x \$10.) We donated our labor as community service project. We told them thank you for allowing us to do this and we look forward to doing again next year. It will be later in the day. It was better out there this time but very hot. No complaints, it went really well. If we take \$1200. out for 4H and Food Frenzy, leaves us around \$3000.

**Unfinished business:** Food Frenzy, JoEllen, Jackie and Butch participated. Jackie said they changed the rules, two carts, baskets, Junior grange had 1300 items. There is a 5-minute limit. Those that are finished come and help you fill your cart. JoEllen mentioned Pacemaker no longer partners with Centrella, which covered a lot of can goods. We had 3 carts, tons of stuff. Jackie, knowing there is great need, concentrated on paper products as those are the items you can't buy with food stamps. Salvation Army said it is a big need. Saved 88. With Centrella, spent 745.41, Way over budget, we think it was soap and shampoo that put us over. Noah and Linda said Walmart (?) gives shampoo and soaps.

Discussion: We can have a fund raiser to fix this, Dianne said since we donate to the Salvation Army, we can use that to cover the overage however it was noted they still need their allotted funds for School supplies and Christmas time. JoEllen reminded us we used to only do two fundraisers a year now we do Hometown (ours) BOCO, Chicken dinners at the fair, barn party, Trunk or Treat, Breakfast at the fair (in which we made 1800. ) This year we will be doing even more days this year. Dianne suggested we pay the bill and decide as we do the other events.

**Museum:** JoEllen called a pole barn guy (Haas) heard they do a great job, he is supposed to call JoEllen back and meet out there, if you want to attend let JoEllen know. She would like, if before we do the fair we can have a sketch of some sort so we have some idea. Lisa said don't know how we can do that by then, JoEllen said we already have the requirements, sizes. Haas is local. Linda asked if we meet out there before our next meeting maybe we can do some sketches.

**Heritage Day Parade.** We will use one of Marie's tractors, Butch has a truck and a trailer. Reminder we can't shoot water pistols. Still 2 weeks away, we can meet at the same spot, dress like old time farmers.

**Breakfast stand work.** Some of us were out there (during Relay for life) Terry took a table to see if we can rework it. We allocated \$500, spent \$443. We need to decide to spend more or just get out there and clean/paint. The drink stand is rotting around the bottom, suggestion, we cut off about 10 inches off bottom, put a flashing around, paint, don't know if we can get done in time. JoEllen is getting a key for the breakfast kitchen. Might have to get Pete's key. Next fair board meeting is next Wednesday. We need to get out there, if JoEllen has a key we can go out there anytime. It was mentioned it is easier for those not working a full time job to just get out there and knock it out. Fred said make note, they were out there for the Relay, checked out the air cleaning system, has not been cleaned out. Terry asked if it was open? Jo said the grounds were but not the kitchen. Once we have a key contact JoEllen.

Terry asked when do they close the grounds, at 8pm. Do we want to go out one night? Discussion result: Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am and 5PM. Bring tools, gloves, cleaning stuff, hammer, brushes, Brill-o pads, painting in chicken kitchen still needs to be done. Will still need to get cleaning the week before. Fred asked if the power wash was done, JoEllen said yes on the chicken side. For sure needs to be done where the grills are. Will really have to watch what we are doing around them. Fred asked if it was sealed, don't think so.

**Donations for Park Place:** Dianne said her sister in law does not work there any more so no way to insure the items are getting distributed correctly. We will put on hold for now.

**Donations for animal shelter:** bring in anytime, paper towels, bleach, old towels, dog food, Terry said some things have changed. But the animals are still there.

**Breakfast at the fair this year**, Wed, Thur., Fri, takes 25 people to do so as not to be cramped. Serve from 6 until 10am, We should be there 5:30 at the latest!! Jo will be there at 4:30 every day. On Saturday, we do the chicken dinners. Bring friends to help, good way to get new grange members. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Even if all our members went that's not enough! Will need extra people!! Brand new mixer! To everyone's dismay, apparently the old (antique) one was thrown away!

Donations for the breakfast stand: Mary Halverson, trying to keep cost down, if every member of the grange (us and Flora) bring in paper towels, bar towels, will mark them as breakfast stand and leave them there for next year. What we use do dishes with. Jerry donated a lot of wash clothes, where did they go? They get used!

**Shutters for school?** JoEllen asked Noah & John what do they need? John said the two in the front, Linda confirmed. JoEllen explained to Terry (and all new members) where the school house is on the fairgrounds and its condition. Our Grange had volunteered to paint. JoEllen asked Terry to work with John and Noah. We also need to get the display painted, white. Fair will be here before we know it.

**State, who is going, tabled until next meeting.**

**JoEllen** wants to put together a group text together, one text out to all! Will be so much faster than phone calls!

Next month hosts: Harold Haws and Clay Murry and Tanya Hanson

**Sick or in distress:** Noah has 20% of his heart working bottom of his heart, did heart scan about a week  $\frac{1}{2}$ , should know soon, pacemaker? Defibrillator? Linda thanked JoEllen and Fred and Dianne for bring food out to help them get through this very scary time. It has been really hard. Noah said he never really connected all his health troubles to his heart. Tomorrow he will see his nurse practitioner (cardiologist one) the day the fair starts (Reminder the fair starts, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>) . He is wearing external defibrillator, If his machine goes off, it vibrates, then a siren goes off, he has less than a minute to get it turned it off or it will shock him like a mule kick in chest! Amazing that they can actually do an ekg through the machine, it has a cell phone with it so they can call. They had to go to Chicago to get it. It was so expensive insurance doesn't pay for it, so they had to rent. Linda explained how she has to care for it, keeping it clean.

**Lisa brought up June 28<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 On Caledonia road, the sheep shop, If you are not a Pomona member this is a great time to go to it, bring a dish to pass. Show of hands about 7 members of Pomona. JoEllen explained what the Pomona is. Over the 6 granges, then state, then national. Our Pomona is a very active Pomona as they have the fair. Noah explained you elect the officials. Meetings every other month. First weds. Of month, upstairs at the grange hall, it is a real ritual meeting, the one in June 14, 2017, (last wed, in June is the picnic, no July meeting). They don't do a lot of activity commitments but they do help us a lot. Very

interesting and gives you a feel how all the granges are different. Linda said they always do a grange call, member stand up, better to have more than one of our members attend!!

JoEllen collecting G bills.

Linda asked for date of sign up for the parade? JoEllen said yes, she will group text everybody!

Terry P asked, JoEllen said no, Butch will go get trailer so no need to all go to Marie's, just park at JoEllen's and Ken will direct you where to go. Linda said it will be hard for everyone to park at the park, just meet at JoEllen's. Parade starts at Whitney and Logan. 2:00 meet at Jo's!

Meeting closed.