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PUBLIC NOTICE

Westmont 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Electronic Attendance Only

Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call To Order** - Meeting was called to order by Larry McIntyre at 3:31pm.
2. **Roll Call** - Chair Mayor Gunter, Co-Chair Larry McIntyre, Jenny Babyar, Frank Brady, Dustin Kleefisch, Steve May, Steve Riley, Sandy Henrichsen, Will Sperling, Jim Gunther, Larry Forssberg, Patti Mielcarski, Amy Quattrone, Bob Fleck (till 3:50p), Mike Ramsey
ABSENT - Frank Trout, Alice Krampits
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - N/A
4. **Public Comment** - N/A
5. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the minutes from 2/4/21 by Steve M, second by Mike R., approved by voice vote
6. **Anniversary Committee Updates**
 - a. **Anniversary Brew Event Recap** - Dustin K. reported that the Park District sold out of all 216 event boxes, the pick up went well at Twin Lakes, and the Anniversary Ale is still on sale at Whiskey Hill.
 - b. **100th Anniversary Flags** - Mike R reported all flags have been received and will be dispersed soon.
 - c. **100th Anniversary Decals** - Mike R reported that all village vehicles have decals, most PD & FD vehicles are done, all village buildings are done too.
 - d. **100th Anniversary License Plates** - Larry M reported the license plates are still in the works.
 - e. **Historical Book Update** - Dustin K said the Park District has sold over 200 books and have ordered 150 more.
 - f. **Fire Dept. Event** - Larry M. reported that this was Alice's idea and the event is still being developed with the support of the Fire Dept.
 - g. **Memorial Day Event Update** - Larry M reported that Frank Trout is working with

Bob F on the Eagle statue and plan to unveil Memorial Day. The Park District's veterans memorial area is going to be refurbished. Bob F reported that the veterans area will be enlarged and more accessible, and the Park District is working with American Legion for funding and choosing a base.

- h. **Beanie Baby Update** - Bob F spoke about revisions to beanie babies project and the size of logo to go on the Beanies. Sandy asked will there be a name for the beanie baby. It was decided to send naming ideas to Bob and he will communicate the info with Ty, Inc.
- i. **July 4 - Fireworks** - Bob F said the Mad Bombers will do the fireworks and the Hilton is also in for the event. If the event gets cancelled, we will have to figure out the deposit situation. The Mayor asked about enhancing fireworks. There will be a conversation about putting more money in budget for extra fireworks.
- j. **50th Anniversary Booklet** - Alice sent Larry M a PDF of the booklet and he will check with Alice about updating the file with a higher res scan.
- k. **Time Capsule** - Mayor Gunter talked about creating a new time capsule, people should share ideas regarding how to proceed
- l. **Congressman Casten** - Larry M reached out to his office and Casten is interested in participating. We will ask Casten if he can ask the Library of Congress if we can have Muddy Waters related artifacts on loan to display in Westmont.
- m. **Memorabilia Purchases** - Patti M reported that lapel pins are in and shirts are on order.
- n. **Lions Club Pow Wow Days Event** - Lions club is looking at Labor day weekend for RWBBQ/Oktoberfest/Pow Wow days, the Mayor reported that the person spearheading this event has backed off, and will have more info 3/16.
- o. **PD Badges** - Jim G reported that the PD has new 100th Anniversary badges and showed them to the committee.
- p. **FD Patch** - Steve R reported that new 100th Anniversary patches are on order.
- q. **Trivia Contest** - Larry M reported that this event was a big success. The questions were quite challenging. Amy Q., who participated, said it was fun, competitive, and she learned a lot about Westmont's history. There will be trophies and t-shirts for the winning team.
- r. **Rebuild Gregg's Station** - Steve M suggested we consider rebuilding a version of Gregg's Station as a temporary structure. Possibly as a one-wall facade that could be placed at the train station. Location may be at the train depot and used as a photo opp location. Ron G likes the photo opp idea.

- s. **Cordia Interviews with residents** - Larry M spoke to Cordia, they have several long-time residents. Cordia will be interviewing residents, via video and/or written text, Cordia is in contact with Alice as well.
 - t. **CUSD201 History** - Larry M initiated this idea and organized a meeting with Mayor Gunter, Supt. Kevin Carey, and Amy Q to talk about the project. Everyone supported the concept and Amy Q. recruited an author for a written CUSD201 history, Dr. Jen Burisek, who works at WJHS. Larry M. developed criteria and details regarding the scope of the project and Jen is comfortable with it. Larry M. mentioned that there will be discussion about a stipend for the project. Larry M. suggested that we confirm the anniversary date for CUSD201 and maybe the reveal of this project can coincide.
 - u. **100th Anniversary Mascot Update** - Larry M said we had 60 submissions and lots of different pets. We will ask the community to vote on social media for the Best Pet. Voting will be up for 2 weeks.
 - v. **Historical Walk Concept** - Sandy H reported that she is talking with Park Dist. regarding the timeline and details. There are various ideas being considered - maybe 3 decades at 3 parks. Hoping to get businesses involved/sponsorship. Let Larry M know so he can get in Neighbors at least 30 days in advance.
 - w. **100th Anniversary Coins** - Police Dept getting their coins soon, all other depts (5) have them on order.
 - x. **Legacy Businesses Designation** - Larry M reported that a press release has been created to ask the community for feedback, along with a sign-up form. Mike R asked how will businesses be recognized - Wall plaque or sticker in the window. Larry F will ask Chamber.
 - y. **Commemorative Ceramic Plates** - Jenny has been working on this and showed some possible images. The cost of plates for 150 plates would be - \$11.70 per plate, which is \$1755 total, with $\frac{1}{3}$ deposit of \$585. 200 plates would be \$11.24 per plate/\$2248 - with $\frac{1}{3}$ deposit of \$749. Minimum is 144. No one from the group had additional feedback.
7. **Anniversary Committee Budget** - Steve M reported that the budget for the group has been accounted for. There will be a conversation between Ron, Steve, Larry M. and Spencer to discuss the budget for the upcoming year. Ron G requested some budgetary flexibility for upcoming events.
8. **Committee Member Assignments / Action Items** - As needed.
9. **Unfinished Business** - N/A
10. **New Business** - N/A

11. **Misc. / Next Meeting** - Thursday, April 1, 3:30 p.m.

12. **Adjourn** Motion to adjourn by Sandy H, second by Dustin K, approved by voice vote

NOTE - Minutes were approved at the April 1, 2021 meeting.