

Elmwood Murdock Merchants' Association

May 17, 2021

7 p.m.

Elmwood Learning Center

The Elmwood Murdock Merchants' Association met Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m. Those present were Kris Shrader, Kurk Shrader, Joann Hill, Linda Behrns, Rachel Brandenburg, Bj Burrows, and Julie Anderson.

Minutes from April reviewed. There was not a quorum at that meeting so nothing was voted on. Minutes approved as is.

Treasurer's report: Andy is out of town. Report will be presented at the next meeting.

Membership report: Andy is out of town. Report will be presented at the next meeting.

Committee reports:

Economic Development:

- Methodist Church still working towards the purchase of the buildings on main street.

EMMA Grant: July will be the next grant opportunity. Applications due July 10th.

Newsletter: 4th of July Newsletter will be produced by Pat Ervin

Social Media: No report – Will share member renewal info.

Website: No Report

Unfinished Business:

- Replacement Highway signs: The sign is done but Bj has not had time to put it up. He will make sure it is done by the next meeting.
- New Banner: The banner for the G.A.R. has been installed. The MoPac banner will be made after payment is received from Andy.
- 4th of July Newsletter – Deadline for ads and articles is June 1st. Kurk has a place to print the newsletters for a decent price but turn around time is 5-7 days. They should be ready by the next EMMA meeting so they can be prepared for mailing on June 22nd.
- Garage Sales: Cyndi Dwyer will coordinate the garage sales. They will be Friday & Saturday, June 11th & 12th.

New Business:

- Linda Behrns – Rita Thomas contacted Linda at Keep Cass County Beautiful about an event she is planning through Americorp. It is a biking event along the trails to pick up trash. Linda will work with her to get her the supplies she needs. No date set yet. Bikers Guide to the Galaxy?
- Garage Sales Signs: Cyndi would like to purchase new signs for the garage sales. She is requesting EMMA pay for half of the cost which would approximately be \$150 total. Kurk

Shrader made a motion to pay for half of the cost of the signs - ~ \$75. Bj seconded. All approved.

- Rachel Brandenburg – T.E.A.M. has a lot of freebees that can be given away at the 4th of July celebration event in Murdock. They would also like to help with the event. They can provide volunteers, funding, ideas? EMMA always helps pay for something so if Rachel comes up with an idea, then EMMA can help with it. She was given several contact names.
- Kurk made a motion that EMMA donate \$100 to the group who will be doing the fireworks display, John Story. Bj seconded. All approved. Motion passed.
- The Methodist Church created the Bike Share station by Bits and Pieces. Bikes can be checked out for free to be ridden around town and on the trails.
- Pie Ride – Marie Gregoire has created the Pie Ride event to be held the first and third Thursday of the month beginning June 3rd. Area organizations such as churches and the community center will sell slices of pie in the Bess Streeter Aldrich Park. The Quonset and the Elmwood Convenience Store will have pizza slices available for purchase. This will be like the Taco Ride for bicyclists to ride to Eagle on Tuesdays.
- The next electronic recycling event will be held in Eagle on June 12th. There is none scheduled for Elmwood at this time.
- The Learning Center has tenants and is also working towards the goal of raising money to finish the back room. Kurk presented drawings of what it will look like. 30 bricks have been sold as a fundraiser. The bricks will bear the purchaser's name and will be installed on a wall. The Learning Center will be open on Memorial Day for people to tour it and see the drawings of future improvements.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

The next meeting will be June 21st at 7 p.m. at the Learning Center (back room).

Julie Anderson, Secretary