

125th Celebration - February 7, 2024 Recap

Present were: Sandie Peterson, Carol Hoffmann, Sheri & Wayne Portner, Laura Isaacson, Rachel Hoffmann, Scott Portner, Ruth Klossner, Tom Polich, Al Fox, Dave Trebelhorn, Deb Sjostrom, Bob Youngblom, Caren Grotberg, Kayla (Altmann) Campbell and Sandy Burger.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7pm in the city meeting room. If you have updates on your assignments or thoughts email them to Sandy Burger @ lafacityclerk@gmail.com and they will be compiled into email updates until the next meeting.

Wednesday Night

- 1) Bike & Car night – Dave's Place
- 2) Kick off – Medallion Hunt – Wayne and Sheri Portner – one clue daily until found – similar size of a hockey puck, Ruth will look for a logo.

Thursday:

- 1) Park & Recreation youth ball games at the park and a meal deal at the pop shack
- 2) Mitchell Hall & the Tennessee trio - Dave T is checking into it 2–3-hour show \$8,000 cost, would need 267 attending just to pay for it – Al checking on power for the bandstand.

Friday:

- 1) Legion Pork chop meal 5-8 - Community Center (over flow big tent in Memorial Park)
- 2) 2) Fire RELIEF wine & beer tasting 5-10 will serve burgers after 8pm. Band stand: Lafayette band 7 to 8pm, followed by the Concord Singers who are booked at 8:30pm - budget \$750 for 2 40-minute sets with a break. Narin also \$100 donation same time.
- 3) Movie: – Tom will check with New Ulm Movie theatre, of possible.

Saturday:

- 1) Historical displays in the display cases and walls of the community center, also in the city building. Burger, Ruth, Bob Youngblom & sister Caren (Sandy has also mentioned to Denny Sjogren would be available as a Lafayette story teller at the historical display in the city office, any others?) Kayla to borrow large print of downtown Lafayette from the print shop in St Peter. Vendor show, if not in school building will be in the community center.
- 2) Quilt show – Sandy B will check with Tad for possible using school gym and the quilter group.
- 3) Amazing Race – Wayne & Sheri will do this
- 4) Craft & vendor show 9 am to 1 pm - Sandy will check with Tad for possible using the gym.
- 5) Entertainment: Tom & Kayla have a list for the afternoon entertainment at the bandstand.
- 6) Crowning Little Miss Lafayette: After discussion, it was decided this year to do a Miss Lafayette Ambassador contest (age group TBD). Will be kicked off this year with crowning at Hog & Corn roast – they will be ambassadors for the City's 125th Celebration, riding the fire trucks in the parades, etc.
- 7) Lund Park: Inflatables, open activities in the park volley ball, kickball, bean bags, etc. Food Trucks – Sandie working on a list to send out.
- 8) Tractor Pull: Haas family organizes it annually
- 9) Fire Department : Firefighter Keg fight
- 10) Kiddie and Adult street dance – Dave's Place anniversary night

Sunday:

- 1) Prayer service – asking Hayes, Pastor Ken B
- 2) Belgian Waffles - Ruth will book the date
- 3) Parade: Deb shared how she did the Winthrop parade. She did a solicitation letter for donations - the park & rec, being a separate 501-c3, can ask for donations and then donate it to the city for the Celebration fund. NU Battery to be at the beginning to have time to set up for grand finale with the shooting of the cannons at Lund Park. Parade route discussed. Sandy will check with CIA on insurance or insurance needed by the city for the entire event.

Also discussed:

- 1) Logo design submissions: decided to stay with the centennial design

Financial update:

- A) Currently \$5322.77, the city will add \$3,000 this year and next year.
 - B) Ruth will look into items from Beacon, talked about no mugs, can cozies, etc. pens probably.
 - C) Laura and Kayla looking at shirts, committee one color and for sale another or other colors. Setting up an online ordering along with purchase some to have on hand.
 - D) Pie social “ Friends of the Community 125th Celebration – Hotdish cook-off with Sam’s club cookies. Carol H mentioned donating a gallon of pickles and carrots for palate cleansing between tastings
 - E) Quilt raffle – Sandy will check with Dave for Lions helping and also local quilters Tom, Wendy, Jan to create a 125th quilt
 - F) Will work on a budget
- 2) Fireworks: decided against
 - 3) Kayla set up a 125th Event page and also a Pie Social Hotdish cook-off - be sure to like it and invite friends you know!
 - 4) Event Sanitation crew : Al, Terry & Brennan. Sandy has given Bruce a heads up for extra dumpsters for that week and will check with Al how many and where.

Items discussed previously:

- 1) MN Golf Cart in Madelia – they do rent carts and deliver & pick them up. \$80 for 2-seater and \$100 for 4-seater – will verify if by the day or the weekend. Did not discuss further
- 2) Possible fire dept demonstrations by the fire trainer guy.
- 3) Ruth suggested someone video the entire weekend – drone to capture it – Daniel Hayes, Eric Platz, Wakefield Pork, Mike Olsen were ideas. Did not discuss again.
- 4) Books: last time purchased 600? Being printed as sections, stores, organizations etc. cannot do a 25-year update, will reprint entire book. Many do not have them. Did not discuss this time
- 5) The group brought up possible organizations which could be invited without a cost or extra work for organizers such as: Helicopter, face painting, National Guard, semis, UFC equipment, Nicollet Posse, etc.
- 6) Lions possibly do a raffle?
- 7) Kiddie Parade after the crowning of Little miss – Laura
- 8) Other thoughts – would need sponsors to bring groups such as – Shriners, Wenninger band, Schell’s hobo band, Jeff Anderson – misfits.
- 9) Keeping lots of activities going, whether they are volunteers running and part of our budget or organizations to keep people in town!

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Burger