

October CCFM Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

In attendance: Jane Sewell, Tony Richardson, Ted McNett, Dawn Thomas, Emily Miller and John

Meeting called to order by Tony Richardson at 9:37 am.

September meeting minutes- Motioned to approve by Ted McNett and seconded by Dawn Thomas.

Manager's Report- Jane Sewell

- Wine Festival wrap up meeting was yesterday- next event will be held 9/13/25 and there is discussion that we will no longer allow coolers and outside food to the festival. Food vendors were not satisfied with their sales for the event. Beer was popular and will continue to be served. The Yacht Rock band was very popular and will return this year.
- Commissioners Vigliotti & Gordon are working very hard for us to be able to place the Blackstein Mill where we want it to be placed on property. Will be meeting with the County environmental team soon to discuss in more detail. The family is anxious to move the structure to our property.
- New mowers (Brightview) are on site- they are doing a good job. Will be working on Wednesdays.
- New pavilion construction will start after the events are over in November. Will be a 14-week project. Tony is concerned that the previous discussions regarding the logistics of this project may not have been communicated to the County officials/Public works. He will touch base with the County to refresh their memory.
- The Pride festival has reached out and wants to talk to CCFM regarding hosting the Pride festival in July. Will have a meeting with the group today to discuss details and provide expectations.
- Teas are coming up- remain very popular and we expect the same this year.
- We are hosting the mini-camp for the kids on 10/18- 16 children have signed up for the event.
- Hopeful that maintenance building will be finished soon. We are now waiting on Gas and IT approvals and updates to the building.

John's Report- John

- John has recently walked around and studied all the exhibit areas and found most to be 'tired' and outdated. Most have been set up in the early 90s. He and Elaine have decided that it is in the best interest of the museum to update the exhibits to be targeted to a visitor without an agricultural background. The process will have a domino effect on the property and will include updates to signage, lighting, etc. John working on a partnership with the CCCTC to design and produce the signage for the updated exhibits. Jane will be applying for a grant of approximately \$20,000 to assist with this project.
- He has reviewed the books of 'inventory' on the property and is concerned that some of the artifacts are not on property. Ted mentioned that some items might have been auctioned at the steam show (with permission) and the records weren't updated. Overall, his impression

is that the records have not been updated as they should. The suggestion is that we need to create an electronic inventory created so that this is something that can be accurate moving forward. Jane will work towards recruiting interns from CCPS and local colleges to

- John envisions the corn crib area to be a rotating exhibit- something that can be refreshed often and marketed/advertised to the public.

Planning Report- Tony Richardson

- Has been walking around the grounds and suggests we move the plaque around the pergola to a new, more visible location.

Commissioner's Report- Commissioner Joe Vigliotti (absent)

New Business

Meeting called to a close by Tony Richardson at 10:58 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2024.