



Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 17th, 2023
12:00 PM Martin County Arts Council
Minutes

PRESENT

Chase Conner, Ila Parker, Jeremiah Taylor, Judy Wobbleton, Naomi Roberts, Glinda Fox, Walter Whitfield, Andrew Kuhn

CALL TO ORDER

Chase Conner called the meeting to order at 12:05.

MINUTES

Jeremiah made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Judy seconded the motion. The minutes were passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report as of 5/16/2023 showed an increase of \$1,420, the total balance equaling \$29,605.28. The following **deposits/expenses** were made:

- **\$50** Modlin Ins Membership (Business)
- **\$150** FNB Membership (Sponsor)
- **\$2,000** Town of Williamston Sponsorship (SMS)
- **\$50** Boyd Agency Sponsorship (SMS)
- **\$20** Cakes by Becky Vendor (SMS)
- **-\$400** MC Stage Fee (SMS)
- **-\$450** SOULone Band Deposit (SMS)

Judy made a motion to approve the financial report. Naomi seconded the motion. The financial report was passed.

MAJOR UPDATES

Disc Golf Project:

No current updates

Downtown Building Updates:

108 W Main St (Committee of 100)

The Comm. Of 100 will have to collapse the facade and rebuild from the ground up due to the deteriorating beam (termites/water damage). Engineers will be out to see the best way to collapse the wall without causing more damage.

122 W Main St (Baker & White)

John has mentioned that he is finishing a residential project. Once completed, work will continue on the 122 W Main building.

118 Washington St (Martin Supply)

No updates

Downtown Landscaping:

The Town has selected an arborist to rework the Main St and Washington St planters. The project should start the week of May 21st and will include the following:

- Removing previous stumps and roots from the existing beds.
- Backfill areas/beds with necessary topsoil and amend the soil as needed per soil sample guidelines
- Instillation of new trees/shrubs and mulching for the beds.

The tree selected by the arborist is a "Main Street Maple." A relatively new variety that is more downtown-friendly and easily pruned compared to the previous species

Riverfront Development:

The town received \$730,000 from the state in 2022 and \$100,000 from the RTP grant to extend the boardwalk along the river. The estimated cost for the project is \$950,000. The town has applied for a Rural Transformation Grant to cover the remaining cost. Awards will be announced in June.

MARTIN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Upcoming events:

- Photography show June 8th – July 14th
- Drama Camp July 17th – 21st
- Arts/crafts camp July 10th – July 14th

MARTIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Not present

E.J. HAYES ALUMNI CENTER

Upcoming Events:

- Pig picking contest in September. The goal is to utilize the outdoor area EJ Hayes has to offer.

FRIENDS OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE

Ila mentioned they will decide on the 2023 ornament soon. Looking forward to 2024 for the 250th anniversary of Marin County

WOMAN'S CLUB

Looking to focus on Mother's Day, with pictures and memories of mothers

DISCUSSION

Walter mentioned that the B-Mocha Coffee shop should open the first week of June at the 101 W Main building.

The group brought up what future events downtown could have. The goal is to utilize more downtown assets.

One of the big ones next year would be highlighting Martin County's 250th anniversary. Chase mentioned having one big festival/event at the Bob Martin Ag Center; somewhere all towns could celebrate. Andrew brought up the possibility of having each town celebrate by having scavenger hunts around the historic sites in each town (an updated version of Geocaching trails)

The next idea was a "Car Show" downtown. Jeremiah mentioned including motorcycles and trucks in the "Car Show" to draw a larger crowd. October was brought up as a possible date for one.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.