

CITY OF VERGAS
Event Center Advisory Minutes
Vergas Event Center & Zoom Teleconference
5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023

The City of Vergas Event Center Advisory Committee was called to order by Acting Chairperson Julie Lammers on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 5:30 pm with the following members present: Julie Lammers, Mary Ditterich, Bev Flateland, Lyle Krieg, Vanessa Perry and Paul Pink Absent: Paul Haarstick. Guests included: none.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Ditterich, seconded by Flateland to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

No minutes have been received for February 21, 2023.

Fundraising Events

Gun Raffle

Reviewed event. Feel raffles sell better in the summertime and the length of time to sell tickets should be longer. Thanked everyone for their help in selling tickets.

Paul Pinke joined meeting.

Purse Bingo

Reviewed the event. The Event made \$19,280.00 and most comments have been very favorable to have another event. Reviewed an email from Julie Bruhn with a briefing on the event. Changes committee members feel need to be made for future event: sell 250 tickets, open doors 1 hour before event, have a bottle of water for every attendee at the table. Discussed making an annual event every February. This was remarkably successful.

Building Update

Floors – The floors are completed for the event center.

Painting-We have received bids from the following: Morris Paint & Decorating, Inc for \$14,811.50, Miles Watson Painting and Restoration for \$14,961.80 and JJ's Painting for \$12,500.00. If we would like to have the partitions in the bathroom painted the cost would be an additional \$1,800.00. The Vergas Community Club will provide the \$5,000 funding up front and consider this a 'pay forward' for rental of the Event Center. This should cover two years of rental fees for Vergas Community Club Events (not more than \$5,000 at regular rental price and not more than 2 years/ whichever comes first). All cleaning, electricity, heating etc. should already be built into the rental costs so it will not be a loss to the city.

We have 2 private donations for \$500.00 each. Four purses will be raffled though TIP at Billy's. The total raised can be \$10,000.00. Motion by Flateland, seconded by Pinke to recommend to Council to use \$5,000 prepayment of rental fees for painting of

Vergas Event Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Kitchen-The plumbing is completed, and the dishwasher and sink are placed in their new locations. Meeting with Zitzow Electric on Wednesday to discuss electrical and has said he will have the plug-ins installed by end of month.

Chair Pads- Chair pads have been purchased and 188 chairs have the pads on them. The rest of the chairs will be done on Friday.

Event Center is rented on Saturday for a funeral, and everything will be functional but the kitchen. Kitchen will be ready for Maple Syrup Fest with the exception on the coffee maker. We have 3 flattops for April 1 and Lyle Krieg stated he would look into renting or borrowing another one.

Lammers thanked the Lion's for coming in on Monday and putting the event center back together. They were amazing at helping both to remove items and to place the items back in their locations for the funeral. Thanked Vanessa Perry for all work with raising funds: purse bingo, gun raffle and donations for painting the center. We so appreciate all she has accomplished. Thanked Bev Flateland and Steph Hogan for putting the chair caps on the chairs. The renovation at the event center could not have happened without all the wonderful volunteers.

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie Lammers, CMC
Vergas Clerk-Treasurer

Council Recommendations

- Approve using pre-payment of event center for painting Event Center.
- Approve painting at the event center.
- Resolution to accept donations from purse bingo. (when received from T.I.P)
- Resolution to accept donation from gun raffle. (when received from T.I.P)
- Resolution to accept donations from private donors.