

Minutes from the Children's Memorial Meeting 01/23/2024

The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers and started at 5:30 with members Craig Conant, Ramona Conant, Jeremy Van Wey, and Cindy Liechti present. Also present were Stormy Taylor and Lynne Lewis.

The Purse Palooza was discussed, and the date is April 25th at Milestones Barn at 5:30. Stormy confirmed that Davis and Bell Auction and Milestones are reserved and ready. The table prices will be the same as before and tables will go up for sale tomorrow. We split the list of people to call about table availability. Craig will arrange for radio advertising and an interview with Woody at the radio station. Belly Down barbecue will cater again this year and Sara will arrange for cupcakes. We decided to have a small fundraising request at the auction to fund a smaller cooling crib for the hospital. We agreed to meet again on March 26th for our first purse sorting time and location to be announced. Craig and Sara will again buy \$500 worth of new purses to assist in the number of new purses to auction.

The committee discussed the need for new walls at the park. It was decided that Craig would seek out an estimate to add 4 new walls to the park for future engraving and potentially have it added to next year's budget.

Craig explained to the committee his meeting with the city manager to be able to accept a donation from the Gelbach Family for a custom statue to be put in the park. The Gelbach family is wanting to have a custom sculpture made with a likeness of Nancy Anderson's son's face to be added to the park. It would be of a child in a wheelchair rising up from the chair. We have gotten bids from the engraver in China that made the last one and are waiting for the donation to move forward with the purchase. It was decided in the city manager meeting that we are able to receive donations that are designated for a specific project and that we would not have to appear at a city council meeting for that request. The expense for the sculpture could be amended to the budget rather easily in the future once it is needed. The city manager also stated that she would have a conversation with the city attorney about amending our committee to be able to make decisions about donations to other organizations without have to go through some formal process at the city. This would make it easier for the committee to assist in other areas of need for people who have lost children.

The committee discussed the request from WMMC for a donation to assist with the purchase of cooling cribs for the hospital and other materials and equipment that the hospital uses to assist families that have lost a child at the hospital. The funds requested for the purchases of large cooling crib and a smaller cooling crib and shipping totals \$12,040 and the remaining items that were requested includes a camera, printer, and other small misc. came to an additional \$795.88 for a total of \$12,835.88. After much discussion Jeremy made a motion to donate \$9000 to WMMC for the purchase of the large cooling crib, the camera, printer, and other misc. items. The motion was seconded by Cindy Liechti and after a small discussion it was unanimously passed by the four committee members that were present. It was also decided that we would try to raise the additional funds for the smaller crib at the auction. We will be awaiting guidance from the city manager on how the donation can take place after her meeting with the city attorney.

The committee discussed the maintenance of the park and Craig informed the committee that he is working with two scouts who will clean the back fence and perform some trimming for their scout

project in the spring. The park will then be updated with one of the landscape companies prior to Memorial Day. It was also discussed having the park updated twice a year as it gets to looking shabby by the end of summer. No decision was made on the second updating at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Craig Conant