



North Fork Children's Foundation
PO Box 3
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DATE: January 19, 2016

MEETING / LOCATION: C & E Pizza Factory - Main Street - Utica

ATTENDING: President, Jenny Burnett; 1st Vice-President, Karston Harris; 2nd Vice-President, Matt Miller; Member, Randy Schilling; Member, Gary Stradley; Member, Laura Walsh; Member, Shirley Curtis

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Treasurer / Secretary, Shelli Stough

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY / TIME: Jenny Burnett called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTION

- Jenny Burnett introduced two new members, Laura Walsh and Shirley Curtis. Both expressed an interest in working to promote the growth of the Foundation for the betterment of the North Fork Community.
- General information about the Foundation was discussed from the original inception through 2015.

Treasurers Report

- Treasurer was unable to attend

NEW BUSINESS

- It was suggested that we consider having a second fund raiser earlier in the year. Everyone was in agreement that a second fund raiser would be a positive way to draw in funds. Laura Walsh made the suggestion for a Poker Run in addition to or in place of a golf outing. After extended discussion it was decided that we would pursue the possibility of a golf outing. Gary agreed to contact one of the local golf courses to see if they might suggest multiple dates; then present those dates to the Foundation for consideration. Additional fund raisers would still be considered.
- Trying to focus on a project for this year, Jenny Burnett offered to contact the teachers at all of the schools and ask them for a 'dream' sheet of materials that would help to pull the interest of the students to assist with learning.
- Shirley Curtis stated that she would like to research the possibilities of grants or additional funds that might be available to the Foundation. Everyone was in agreement of her pursuit in that task.
- At a previous meeting it was suggested that perhaps we could look into setting up a youth center or something along those lines to provide a somewhat haven for the kids. Matt Miller



began a discussion about what would be entailed in that type of endeavor including, but not limited to, purchase of land and start building or cost of an existing building. The discussion continued that expenses would also include insurance, maintenance, manpower, security, etc. Jenny Burnett mentioned that previous efforts in Utica to provide such a facility have fallen short of success due to lack of interest and disruptive persons. Suggestion was made that maybe we could try to provide a monthly movie or dance or gaming night. This would allow us feedback as to whether or not there is enough interest from youth and their parents to continue and possibly increase the activities. Recommended locations include the Community Center at St. Louisville (Ball Park) and the Center in Martinsburg.

- Discussion concluded with talk of two fund raiser to be the primary focus; Golf Outing in late spring or early summer and the Rhythm and Ribs Fest w/Car Show. Also determined to seek out a project for the year with focus being on at least one item from the teachers' dream sheets.
- Recommended that everyone continue to recruit individuals and remain open to ideas to help raise funds and projects to work toward.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned By / Time: Jenny Burnett adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: March 15, 2016 - 6:30 PM

LOCATION: C & E PIZZA FACTORY