

Birge Fountain Committee Meeting
Hearthstone Memory Care Building

426 W. North St.

Whitewater, WI 53190

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

3 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of BFC minutes of Sept. 25, 2013 meeting
4. Treasurer's report
5. Discussion of Fountain's operational and maintenance needs for 2014 display
6. Future agenda topics
7. Adjournment

BIRGE FOUNTAIN COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013 3:00PM BIRGE FOUNTAIN WHITEWATER, WI 53190

1. CALL TO ORDER: MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN ROY NOSEK AT 3:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL: PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN- ROY NOSEK, TREASURER-JIM ALLEN, SECRETARY- TED KUJANSKI, LYNN BINNIE, KEN KIENBAUM, ROD DALEE, CHUCK NASS.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: THE POSITION OF SECRETARY IS OPEN AND TED KUJANSKI VOLUNTEERED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

4. APPROVAL OF BFC MINUTES FROM APRIL 29, 2013 - MINOR CHANGES AND DEFINITIONS WERE DISCUSSED: MINUTES WERE APPROVED. MOVED BY NASS, SECONDED BY ALLEN.

5. TREASURY REPORT BY JIM ALLEN. REINVESTED \$4,470.00 IN NEW 60MONTH C.D. AT 1.45%. TWO OTHER C.D.'S COMING DUE ONE IN 2014, ONE IN 2015. ROD DALEE BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF ASKING THE WHITEWATER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO SUPERVISE THE BFC FINANCES SINCE THEY ARE A 501C3 ORGANIZATION DONATIONS TO THE BFC WOULD HAVE TAX DEDUCTIBLE STATUS. THIS COULD OPEN UP NEW REVENUE STREAMS TO HELP MAINTAIN THE BIRGE FOUNTAIN. ROD DALEE SAID HE WOULD ASK THE WCF FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. CHAIRMAN ROY NOSEK TO WRITE LETTER OF REQUEST. MOTION MADE BY LYNN BINNIE. SECONDED BY KEN KIENBAUM. THIS SAME ISSUE WAS BROUGHT UP TO THE WHITEWATER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EARLIER THIS YEAR BUT WAS TURNED DOWN BY THEM. AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED THAT JIM ALLEN WOULD HOLD BOTH SAFETY DEPOSIT KEYS.

6. BIRGE FOUNTAIN MAINTENANCE - ROY NOSEK BROUGHT UP THAT LIME DEPOSITS CONTINUE TO BE A MAJOR CONCERN EVERY YEAR. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED THAT SINCE THE MURIATIC ACID AND HOT POWER WASH THAT WAS DONE LAST YEAR AT A COST OF \$180.00 SHOWED DECENT RESULTS IT SEEMS TO BE THE BEST AND MOST INEXPENSIVE SOLUTION AT THIS TIME. ONE SIDE EFFECT OF THIS METHOD IS THE DULLING OF THE PAINT. A THREE TO FIVE YEAR REPAINTING SCHEDULE WAS DISCUSSED AS A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. CHUCK NASS MADE A MOTION TO HIRE THE PRESSURE WASHER COMPANY AGAIN. SECONDED BY JIM ALLEN.

TED KUJANSKI BROUGHT UP THE FACT THAT THE BOTTOM BASIN IS STARTING TO CRACK AND NEEDS TO BE WELDED. CHUCK NASS SAID HE WOULD GET THE CITY WELDER TO CHECK IF HE COULD FIX THIS PROBLEM DUE TO THE METAL TYPE USED IN CONSTRUCTION OF THE BASIN. IF IT IS CAST IRON INSTEAD OF ORDINARY STEEL THIS WOULD CREATE A PROBLEM. ALSO BROUGHT UP IS THAT BOTH OF THE TRIDENTS ARE STILL MISSING. CHUCK NASS IS HAVING TWO REPLACEMENTS MADE BUT STATED THAT IT IS TAKING TIME. SOMEONE SUGGESTED ASKING THE UNIVERSITY FOUNDRY DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HELP NEXT TIME WE NEED REPLACEMENTS. ALSO TO PREVENT THE TRIDENTS AND SPEARS FROM BEING STOLEN IN THE FUTURE CHUCK NASS WILL HAVE THE CITY WELDER TACK WELD THEM TO THE FOUNTAIN.

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AT 4:30PM BY ROY NOSEK. SECONDED BY LYNN BINNIE.