

**BIRGE FOUNTAIN COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, April 29, 2013

6 p.m.

Whitewater Memorial Building, Lower Level

402 W. Main St.

Whitewater, WI 53190

1. Call to order: meeting was called to order by Alan Lockett at 6:02 pm.
2. Roll call: Present were Linda Loomer, Lynn Binnie, Chuck Nass, Roy Nosek, Jim Allen and Alan Lockett.
3. Election of officers: Roy Nosek was elected Chair (motion by Linda Loomer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn Binnie), Lynn Binnie was elected Vice-Chair (motion by Alan Lockett, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Nass) Alan Lockett was nominated Secretary by Roy Nosek. All were in favor.
4. Approval of BFC minutes of the November 19, 2012. Chuck Moved, Lynn 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
5. Roy reported that the CD expired in February. The money is earning interest in the bank at 0.1%. 3 certificates were staggered and earning interest. There is money in a checking account. The CD's are valued at roughly \$4,000 - \$4,500. The committee decided after discussion to reinvest in a one year CD and revisit when it expires. Jim moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda. All approved. The key to the safety deposit box was given to Jim Allen, the newly elected treasurer. The committee felt the president should hold the second key.
6. Whitewater Community Foundation would invest large amounts. They were not interested in already existing funds for reinvestment.
- 7, 8, and 9. Maintenance was discussed. Roy discussed needed work. He submitted a list of concerns. One urn that was broken has been repaired. Roy was concerned about the loose urns, asked that they be tightened. Screening out the debris in the fountain should be done on a weekly, if not daily event. The upper basin sometimes has flow problems. Roy requested that the upper basin get cleaned once a week. Roy asked about a hose hookup that had existed in the upper basin for quick refill. Roy said it had been removed. Chuck will ask Brian Newmeister, staff in charge of the fountain, about the missing valve. Roy felt that the lime removal was inadequate. The two concerns with the fountain are with oxidation and lime deposits. Reverse osmosis would be the only option. Muriatic acid is the only way to remove the lime deposits. Roy would like to see about another alternative to softening. Roy hired a Mr. Sund for \$180 to clean it with acid and a hot <sup>1125 Power</sup> power washer. Roy mentioned that this affected the paint by dulling it. Roy recommended two filters and two water conditioners in line. Roy will pursue it. Roy suggested a muriatic cleaning in the fall. Chuck will see about spot painting around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Chuck will be starting it up within a week. Aquashade was discussed. Chuck reported that it helps prevent algae growth which clogs the nozzles. Jim had suggested copper sulfate. Roy said the Aquashade prevents the algae better than the copper

sulfate. Chuck said that he adds de-foaming agent around the time of Homecoming and the start of school as a preventative measure.

The LED lights were discussed. The committee felt the LED light that was used was inadequate.

Security was discussed. The camera currently being used is ~~not~~ *Standard definition*

Roy mentioned that there is a mini soda blaster available for \$250 that was fire extinguisher size. This could be used for just the skin of the figures if the committee was interested. Roy will look into renting one to try out.

10. The committee discussed a landmark's representatives. Linda did not know of a replacement. Since Kienbaum, who serves on the Landmarks Commission, he should serve as a representative to the Birge and not a regular term.

Linda Loomer will seek Nubby Painter.

11. Motion to adjourn was made at 7:11 by Jim Allen, second was Linda Loomer.