

Birge Fountain Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of December 8, 2015

The meeting of the Birge Fountain Committee was called to order by Chuck Nass at 7:37 a.m. at the office of Alan Lockett at the Whitewater Memorial Building, Lower Level.

Members present: Chuck Nass (staff representative), Chuck Jacobsen, Alan Lockett, Dan Richardson, Ken Kienbaum, and Jim Allen

Pat Blackmer and Kori Oberle were in attendance as Landmarks Commission members and “fans of the fountain.”

Members Absent: Chris Grady

Election of Officers: Alan Lockett was elected chairperson on motion by Nass/Allen and Chuck Jacobsen was elected vice-chairperson on a motion by Allen/Richardson. Jim Allen was elected treasurer on a motion by Lockett/Nass and Dan Richardson was elected secretary on a motion by Nass/Allen.

Treasurer’s Report: Jim Allen reported the current account balance at \$15,455.46. Birge Fountain Committee’s account is held at First Citizens State Bank. The committee has a tax I.D. number. On a Nass/Kienbaum motion the treasurer’s report was approved.

Secretary’s Report:

The minutes of the Birge Fountain Committee meeting of March 18, 2015 were handed out.

On an Allen/Nass motion the minutes were approved as read.

Maintenance Report:

Nass reported that the pump was recently replaced. He recommended that a clean up using a high pressure washer and muriatic acid be applied by Sund Company at a cost of \$250. On an Allen/Jacobsen motion Nass was given the approval to proceed with the clean up. Nass further reported that a complete painting be undertaken next spring. Discussion followed regarding waxing of portions of the fountain. The consensus was to not wax portions of the fountain at this time as the results are temporary at best. Nass reported that lights are replaced as needed. Discussion followed concerning the use of LED lighting which is ineffectual when snow collects over the LED lights which fail to melt the snow. Other lighting was discussed and it was suggested that the timers be coordinated to illuminate the fountain. Nass will check on that.

Storage of the Original Cherubs:

Blackmer reported that the original cherubs (three of them) are stored on private property by the Whitewater Historical Society. The historical society ran out of room and moved them. Discussion followed concerning where to store the cherubs in the future. The Armory may not be secure enough. It was suggested that the cherubs be stored at the White Memorial Building in display cases similar to the one in which the original Maid of the Mist is stored. It was agreed that the Landmarks Commission (Blackmer/Oberle) pursue that venue for future storage in cases made by the DPW. Other organizations may wish to display cherubs at some future time.

Future Agenda Items:

The next meeting of the Birge fountain Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the office of Alan Lockett at 7:30 A.M.

Recommended agenda items include painting of the fountain (complete not touch up), lighting and maintenance.

Adjournment: On an Allen/Kienbaum motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

Secretary
Dan Richardson

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